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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 **[REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

2 **ON TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2014 ON PAGE 195]**

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6 (GAVEL)

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE DO HAVE A QUORUM HERE, LADIES AND
9 GENTLEMEN. I'LL ASK IF YOU'LL PLEASE RISE. AFTER I GIVE THE
10 INVOCATION, WE'LL BE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE BY
11 KRISTINE HESSE, RETIRED MASTER SERGEANT FROM THE UNITED STATES
12 AIR FORCE. WOULD YOU PLEASE BOW YOUR HEADS, PLEASE, IN AN
13 ATTITUDE OF PRAYER. MOST KIND AND GRACIOUS HEAVENLY FATHER, WE
14 COME BEFORE YOU THIS MORNING TO ONCE AGAIN GIVE YOU THANKS.
15 THANK YOU FOR THE MANY BLESSINGS THAT YOU'VE BESTOWED UPON
16 EACH OF US, THE PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ASK FOR YOUR
17 CONTINUED GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION AS WE MOVE TO OVERSEE
18 MULTIPLE FACETS OF THE ULTIMATE SAFETY NET HERE IN LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY, AND WE ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION. WE ASK
20 THAT YOU BLESS THOSE IN NEED. MAY WE BE ABLE TO ASSIST THEM IN
21 THE WAYS THAT WE CAN. SO, GOD, AS WE MOVE FORWARD THIS DAY,
22 MOVE FORWARD THIS WEEK, WE THANK YOU FOR THOSE CONTINUED
23 BLESSINGS, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY WE ASK FOR YOUR CONTINUED
24 GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION. AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAID , AMEN.

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1 **KRISTINE HESSE:** [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS, ONCE AGAIN TO WELCOME

6 KRISTINE HESSE WHO IS HERE. SHE'S A RETIRED MASTER SERGEANT

7 WITH THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SHE SERVED BETWEEN 1987 TO

8 2011 WITH THE 422ND AIR BASE SQUADRON. HER THEATER WAS IN THE

9 U.S. AIR FORCE IN EUROPE. SHE HAS THREE CHILDREN, AND SHE HAS

10 HER MASTER'S OF SCIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING. HER B.A.

11 WAS IN PSYCHOLOGY. SO THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US

12 IN THE PLEDGE. [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MADAME EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S PROCEED

15 WITH THE AGENDA, PLEASE.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,

18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3,

19 PRESENTATION AND SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-2, AS INDICATED ON THE

20 POSTED AGENDA, AT THE MEETING OF APRIL 22, 2014, THIS ITEM WAS

21 CONTINUED TO MAY 13, 2014. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

22 OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND 2-D. ON

23 BOTH OF THESE ITEMS THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE

24 PUBLIC TO HOLD THEM. ON PAGE 5, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE

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1 HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEMS 1-H AND 2-H, THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE
2 YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THOSE MATTERS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE
6 THE ORDER.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING
9 OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEMS 1-P,
10 THROUGH 3-P. ON ITEM NO. 2-P, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND
11 RECREATION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO
12 MAY 13, 2014.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE REMAINING ITEMS 1-P AND 3-P
17 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THOSE, BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED
20 BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 8, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
23 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 19. ON ITEM NO. 1, AS INDICATED ON THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS
25 FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. CHUCK

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1 MILAM TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION. WALTER DOUGHER,
2 ALSO TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION AND WAYNE
3 POWELL TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEACH COMMISSION. THE
4 REMAINING APPOINTMENTS WILL BE BEFORE YOU IN JUST A MOMENT. ON
5 ITEM NO. 2, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
6 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS INCLUDES THE AMENDMENT AS
7 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NO. 7, THERE'S A
8 REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ITEM NO.
9 9, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
10 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 13, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM
11 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 13, 2014. AND ITEM NO. 16 THERE'S
12 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM, 16.
13 AND ON ITEM NO. 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
14 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD
15 OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
18 MOLINA. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
19 SO BE THE ORDER.

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21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 15, CONSENT CALENDAR,
22 ITEMS 20 THROUGH 80, ON ITEM NO. 20, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
23 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM NO. 21, THERE'S A REQUEST
3 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 22,
4 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK
5 TO MAY 13, 2014. ON ITEM NO. 24, SUPERVISOR KNABE ALSO
6 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 13, 2014.
7 ON ITEM NO. 28, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC
8 TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 30, AS INDICATED ON THE
9 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS
10 ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 20, 2014.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 31, THERE'S A REQUEST
15 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO--

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 31, YOU SAY?

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 31, YES. ON ITEM NO. 37, THERE'S A
20 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM
21 NO. 41, THE DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION REQUESTS THAT
22 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 20, 2014.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 46, THERE'S A REQUEST
2 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 49,
3 50 AND 51 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
4 HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON ITEM NO. 67, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
5 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO.-- JUST ONE
6 MOMENT HERE, LET ME FLIP TO THE PAGE ON ITEM NO. 72, COUNTY
7 COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION BE CONTINUED TWO
8 WEEKS TO MAY 20, 2014, BUT THE SETTLEMENT BE APPROVED TODAY.
9 ON ITEM NO. 75, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
10 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 13, 2014. AND THE REMAINING ITEMS
11 UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO BE
15 THE ORDER.

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 46, ORDINANCES FOR
18 INTRODUCTION, ITEMS 81 THROUGH 83, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT
19 TITLES IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 81, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE
20 FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 6, SALARIES,
21 TO ADD AND/OR DELETE AND CHANGE CERTAIN CLASSIFICATION AND
22 NUMBERS OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. THIS
23 ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. 81, CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY
2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 82, THIS IS AN
5 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 6
6 SALARIES TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION RELATING TO THE LOS
7 ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION TO CHANGE THE
8 SALARIES AND/OR EFFECTIVE DATES OF ONE NONREPRESENTED
9 CLASSIFICATION TO REFLECT 3 PERCENT GENERAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT
10 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 16, 2014. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT AND MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
13 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION,
14 SO ORDERED.

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16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 83, THIS IS AN
17 ORDINANCE FOR INTRODUCTION AMENDING THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 8
18 CONSUMER PROTECTION AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS, TITLE 11 HEALTH
19 AND SAFETY CODE, TITLE 20, UTILITIES TO TRANSFER THE
20 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR DUTIES RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC
21 HEALTH PERMITS AND LICENSES FROM THE TREASURER AND THE TAX
22 COLLECTOR AND THE AUDITOR CONTROL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
23 HEALTH BEGINNING JULY 1, 2014. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT ITEM, THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT..
2 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** DISCUSSION ITEMS 84 AND 85, ON
5 ITEM NO. 84 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF
6 HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY
7 1, 2014. ON ITEM NO. 85, WHICH IS THE PUBLIC HEARING, AS
8 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE
9 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 13, 2014.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 51, NOTICES OF CLOSED
14 SESSION, ON ITEM NO. C.S.-3, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER
15 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM, AND THAT COMPLETES THE
16 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
17 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR
20 YAROSLAVSKY?

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** (OFF MIC) .

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU GO FIRST AND THEN I'LL FOLLOW YOU.
25 YOU HAVE HELEN'S FIRST. HELEN KLEINBERG.

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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN-- YOU COME IN NEXT TO ME. IT'S
3 MY PRIVILEGE, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TO MAKE A
4 SPECIAL PRESENTATION THIS MORNING TO HELEN KLEINBERG, WHO HAS
5 SERVED WITH DISTINCTION AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
6 COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN
7 1984, HAVING EARLIER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE 1983 BOARD-APPOINTED
8 CHILDREN'S SERVICES TASKFORCE WHOSE RECOMMENDATIONS HELPED
9 ESTABLISH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND
10 ITS ADVISORY AND OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. A U.C.L.A. GRADUATE,
11 TEACHER, ADMINISTRATOR, AND EDUCATION EXECUTIVE BY PROFESSION,
12 HER CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE BEEN SINGULAR AND STEADFAST. SHE HAS
13 BEEN A PASSIONATE ADVOCATE FOR EDUCATION REFORM AND FOR
14 CHILDREN TOUCHED BY THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM. SHE CONSISTENTLY
15 MENTORED NEW COMMISSIONERS, SHARING THE HISTORY OF THE
16 COMMISSION AND WHY IT DEVOTES ITSELF TIRELESSLY TO THESE
17 ISSUES. SHE'S A KEEPER OF THE FLAME OF INTEGRITY AND ALL THAT
18 THE COMMISSION DOES. AMONG THE POLICY INNOVATIONS SHE HAS
19 UNDERTAKEN ARE THE FOLLOWING: CHAMPIONING STRONG VISITATION
20 PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES SEPARATED FROM THEIR CHILDREN.
21 IDENTIFYING THE UNMET NEEDS OF VERY YOUNG CHILDREN THROUGH
22 EARLY SCREENING AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. AND FOR
23 REDRESS OF TRAUMA WHICH MAY CAUSE LIFELONG HANDICAPS IN BRAIN
24 DEVELOPMENT AND RESISTANCE TO CROHN'S DISEASE AND BETTER
25 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH.

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1 SHE'S A PROUD WIFE AND MOTHER OF TWO AND GRANDMOTHER OF SEVEN
2 WHO IS A LOVING, DEDICATED MATRIARCH NOT JUST OF HER OWN
3 FAMILY BUT OF THE LARGER FAMILY OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH
4 THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY AND THOSE CHILDREN IN THE COUNTY'S
5 DEPENDENCY CARE AND SUPERVISION. SO I WANTED TO TAKE THIS
6 OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION TO HELEN AND THAT THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY HIGHLY COMMEND
8 HELEN KLEINBERG FOR HER 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE
9 AND FOR HER CONTINUING LEADERSHIP IN THE FIELD OF CHILD
10 PROTECTION AND CHILD WELFARE. WHEN I FIRST BECAME A SUPERVISOR
11 IN 1994, AND WE WERE LOOKING AT ALL THE COMMISSIONERS THAT WE
12 HAD TO APPOINT, MY PREDECESSOR, SUPERVISOR EDELMAN, HAD MADE
13 SUCH AN OUTSTANDING APPOINTMENT IN HELEN THAT I WAS ADVISED--
14 STRONGLY ADVISED AND WISELY ADVISED-- THAT SHE WAS ONE PERSON
15 WE DIDN'T NEED TO CHANGE. AND WE DIDN'T. AND IT WAS A DECISION
16 THAT I HAVE NOT REGRETTED. SHE AND HER HUSBAND ARE FRIENDS TO
17 BARBARA AND ME AND ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY IN SO MANY WAYS.
18 BUT IN NO WAY HAS SHE MADE A GREATER CONTRIBUTION THAN SHE HAS
19 MADE TO THE CHILDREN IN OUR COUNTY. SO, HELEN, ON BEHALF OF
20 MYSELF, AND I WOULD EVEN SAY WITHOUT CONSULTING HIM, BUT I'M
21 SURE HE WOULD AGREE, ED EDELMAN, AND MY COLLEAGUES HERE TO
22 PRESENT YOU WITH THIS PROCLAMATION SIGNIFYING AND THANKING YOU
23 FOR YOUR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE CHILDREN AND FAMILY
24 SERVICES COMMISSION. 30 YEARS IS A LONG TIME. I WAS JUST
25 GETTING MY CAREER STARTED. BUT YOU'VE RENEWED YOURSELF

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1 CONSTANTLY AND YOU'VE BEEN AN ACTIVE AND VIGOROUS MEMBER OF
2 THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM FAMILY. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU
3 PERSONALLY AND PUBLICLY FOR IT. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **HELEN KLEINBERG:** I'LL JUST SAY THANK YOU ALL. 30 YEARS AGO,
6 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WAS HERE AND I WAS HERE AND THE
7 DEPARTMENT WAS CREATED AND THE COMMISSION WAS CREATED. AND I
8 HAVE TO SAY THAT NAIVELY I THOUGHT BY CREATING THIS
9 DEPARTMENT, WOULD IT END ALL OF OUR PROBLEMS. HASN'T EXACTLY.
10 BUT I HAVE TO SAY 30 YEARS LATER, WE HAVE MADE ENORMOUS
11 PROGRESS. AND I AM VERY PLEASED TO HAVE BEEN HERE. I THANK YOU
12 FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING. AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT IN THE
13 CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM, THERE ARE SOME OF THE MOST REMARKABLE
14 PEOPLE. WE ARE VERY LUCKY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN BOTH THE
15 PUBLIC AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING ALL
16 THE NEW THINGS THAT WILL HAPPEN AND FEELING THAT WE'RE REALLY
17 HELPING A LOT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SO THANK YOU, THANK
18 YOU, ZEV. OH, I'D LOVE TO INTRODUCE MY COLLEAGUES. IF THEY
19 WOULD ALL LIKE TO COME FORWARD? SO THIS IS THE COMMISSION
20 CHAIR, DEAN BURGER. SUSAN FRIEDMAN. TRISH CURRY. CAROL BIONDI.
21 MARTHA POWELL. AND SYLVIA, WHEREVER SHE IS. AND PHILIP
22 BROWNING. ANYWAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ZEV, I HAVE AN IDEA. SINCE YOU'RE ALL
25 OVER HERE ALREADY, LET ME CONTINUE THE PROGRAM HERE, THAT WAY

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1 NO ONE HAS TO MOVE. BUT WE'RE DOING THE 30, 30, 30 TODAY.
2 RIGHT? 30 YEARS OF HELEN, 30 YEARS OF FOSTER CARE AWARENESS
3 MONTH AND 30 YEARS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
4 SERVICES. IN MAY OF 2014, AS I MENTIONED, FOSTER CARE
5 AWARENESS MONTH, IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THE SELFLESS,
6 LOVING AND COMMITTED INDIVIDUALS THAT WE ALL CALL FOSTER
7 PARENTS AND RELATIVE CAREGIVERS, PROVIDE A CHILD WITH A SENSE
8 OF SECURITY AND STABILITY DURING THAT MOST CRITICAL TIME OF
9 CRISES. THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND
10 FAMILIES WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CARE AND TEND TO THE NEEDS OF
11 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN WITHOUT THE COMMITMENT OF
12 COUNTLESS FOSTER FOLKS AND RELATIVE CAREGIVERS THROUGHOUT THE
13 LAST 30 YEARS. AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE IS LARRY BRANSON, WHO
14 HAS BEEN A LOVING AND DEDICATED FOSTER PARENT FOR 24 YEARS,
15 FOSTERED 19 CHILDREN. 10 YEARS AGO, LARRY ADOPTED HIS 20TH
16 FOSTER CHILD AND BECAME A FATHER TO A SON JEFFREY WHO IS NOW A
17 VERY SUCCESSFUL ADULT. HE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS WORK IN
18 FOSTER CARE AND IS INSPIRED TO HELP FAMILIES AND SHARE HIS
19 KNOWLEDGE FROM HIS YEARS OF EXPERIENCE. HE'S AN INCREDIBLE
20 ROLE MODEL AND AN INSPIRATION TO FUTURE FOSTER PARENTS AS WELL
21 AS TO THE SOCIAL WORKERS HE PARTNERS WITH. UNFORTUNATELY, DUE
22 TO A FAMILY EMERGENCY, LARRY COULD NOT BE HERE TODAY. BUT WE
23 FELT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO MENTION LARRY AND PARTICULARLY
24 HIS GREAT WORK THAT HE DOES ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN. 2014 IS
25 ALSO, AS I MENTIONED, HISTORIC FOR SEVERAL OTHER REASONS. IT

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1 REPRESENTS THE 30-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF TWO ORGANIZATIONS THAT
2 HAVE BECOME KEY INSTITUTIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY: THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND THE COMMISSION
4 FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. AS MANY OF YOU HERE WELL KNOW, THE
5 HISTORIES OF THESE TWO INSTITUTIONS ARE VERY CLOSELY RELATED.
6 COMMISSION WAS FORMED IN MAY OF 1984 AS A LAY BODY OF PEOPLE
7 TO WORK WITH THE VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OF THE COMMUNITY
8 TO ADVISE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THE NEEDS AND PROBLEMS
9 OF THOSE CHILDREN UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF OUR CHILD WELFARE
10 SYSTEM HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 30 YEARS AGO, THE CHILD
11 PROTECTIVE SERVICES FUNCTION OF THE COUNTY WAS ACTUALLY A
12 BUREAU WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, AND
13 THE COMMISSION WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ARTICULATING THE NEED FOR
14 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SEPARATE CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES
15 DEPARTMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. DIDN'T WE JUST DO THAT? THE
16 BLUE RIBBON? [LAUGHTER.] I HAD TO TAKE THE SHOT, ANYWAY. AND
17 THEY WEREN'T SHY. I REMEMBER THE FONZ, HENRY WINKLER, MAKING
18 SEVERAL PRESENTATION ACTUALLY IN OUR CONFERENCE ROOM AT OUR
19 TABLE DOING A LITTLE DANCE OF SOME SORT TO DRIVE HOME THE
20 POINT. BUT A MONTH LATER, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
21 FAMILY SERVICES WERE CREATED. THE COMMISSION DIDN'T STOP
22 THERE. THEY ARE INVOLVED IN MANY ASPECTS OF CHILD WELFARE AND
23 HAVE BECOME A HIGHLY REGARDED ADVISORY BODY. I JUST WISH THEY
24 COULD SPEAK UP AND SHARE THEIR OPINIONS MOST FORCEFULLY
25 SOMETIMES. THAT WAS A JOKE, YEAH, YEAH. FOR ME WHEN I THINK OF

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1 D.C.F.S., I SEE THE DEPARTMENT, THEY'RE JUST LIKE THE SHERIFFS
2 AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THEY ARE TRULY FIRST RESPONDERS. THEY
3 ARE THE ONES THAT ANSWER THE CALL 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A
4 WEEK. YOU'LL FIND A D.C.F. SOCIAL WORKER OUT THERE WORKING
5 WITH FAMILIES IN CRISIS. THEY ARE THE ONES TO WALK INTO A VERY
6 DANGEROUS SITUATION AT 3 IN THE MORNING TO PROTECT A CHILD. AS
7 A SOCIAL WORKER ONCE TOLD ME, WHETHER WE GET BACKUP OR NOT.
8 THEY'RE THE ONES RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEKING THE BEST OUTCOMES FOR
9 A CHILD WHETHER IT'S KEEPING A FAMILY TOGETHER AND SHARING A
10 CHILD THAT'S ADOPTED INTO A LOVING HOME OR PLACED WITH
11 RELATIVES. OR IN MANY CASES, A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING. THEIR
12 WORK IS ANYTHING BUT SIMPLE. AND WE ALL OWE THEM A DEBT OF
13 GRATITUDE FOR THEIR SERVICE. I CALL THEM TRULY ANGELS. SO TO
14 CELEBRATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF D.C.F.S. AS WELL AS THE
15 COMMISSION, OUR DIRECTOR, PHILIP BROWNING, IS HERE, ALONG WITH
16 COMMISSION CHAIR AND HELEN, WHO WAS JUST CONGRATULATED ON HER
17 30 YEARS OF COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO OUR COUNTY AND TO THIS
18 COMMISSION. SO WITH THAT, I'LL COME RIGHT BACK WITH THE
19 SCROLL. ZEV, DO YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING? YEAH, THAT WOULD BE
20 GREAT. 30, 30, 30.

21

22 **PHILLIP BROWNING:** ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
23 FAMILY SERVICES I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR
24 RECOGNIZING THE COMMISSION ESPECIALLY, HELEN PARTICULARLY, AND
25 ALSO THE DEPARTMENT. JUST THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU WERE 30 YEARS

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1 AGO. AS I WAS COMING HERE, I TALKED TO ONE OF THE STAFF WHO
2 SAID "I WAS STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL." 30 YEARS AGO, THE
3 COMMISSION WAS FORMED TO DO MAJOR THINGS IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I
4 THINK THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN DONE OVER THE
5 LAST 30 YEARS THAT OFTENTIMES WE DON'T THINK ABOUT THEM OR
6 APPRECIATE THEM IN MAYBE THE MANNER WE SHOULD. SOME YEARS
7 BACK, 10 OR 15, MAYBE 20, THE CASELOAD IN THIS COUNTY FOR
8 CHILD WELFARE WAS HITTING 70 TO 75,000. ABOUT HALF THOSE
9 INDIVIDUALS WERE IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS. TODAY THAT NUMBER
10 HAS BEEN CUT IN HALF. WE HAVE MANY FEWER CHILDREN WHO ARE IN
11 OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS THAN MANY YEARS AGO. I THINK THE
12 INDIVIDUALS BEHIND YOU ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF MANY OF THE
13 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE WORKED SO TIRELESSLY ON BEHALF OF
14 CHILDREN IN THIS COUNTY. THESE INDIVIDUALS MEET ONCE EVERY TWO
15 WEEKS. MOST OF THE COMMISSIONS I'M INVOLVED WITH MEET ONCE A
16 MONTH OR ONCE EVERY THREE MONTHS. THIS COMMISSION IS SO
17 ENERGIZED, SO NEW ENERGETIC, SO ASSERTIVE THAT THEY THINK
18 EVERY TWO WEEKS IS REALLY WHAT IS MOST IMPORTANT. THEY HAVE
19 BEEN VOCAL. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SHY. THEY HAVE MADE THEIR
20 SUGGESTIONS KNOWN. AND THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CHANGES OVER A
21 PERIOD OF YEARS THAT HAVE, I THINK, REALLY DEMONSTRATED THEIR
22 COMMITMENT. I THINK MOST OF YOU KNOW THAT WE'VE HAD HUNDREDS
23 AND HUNDREDS OF RECOMMENDATIONS OVER THE PAST 10 OR 15 YEARS
24 AND I'VE ONLY BEEN HERE JUST A COUPLE. AND THE VAST MAJORITY
25 OF THOSE HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. BUT SOME OF THE THINGS INCLUDE

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1 THE FACT THAT WE'RE REUNIFYING ABOUT 6,000 CHILDREN A YEAR.
2 WE'RE ADOPTING AND CREATING NEW FAMILIES FOR BETWEEN 1500 AND
3 2,000. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAMS FOR
4 YOUTH HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ON THEIR WATCH. MEDICAL PLACEMENTS
5 HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. MEDICAL HUBS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ON
6 THEIR WATCH. FAMILY PRESERVATION NETWORKS HAVE BEEN
7 ESTABLISHED ON THEIR WATCH. COMMUNITY PROVIDERS HAVE COME INTO
8 THE FOLD AND HAVE MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION. WE'VE
9 PARTNERED WITH PROBATION IN A MANNER THAT'S UNIQUE AND NOT
10 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REST OF THE STATE. FOSTER PARENTS HAVE
11 GOTTEN MUCH MORE ACCEPTANCE. KINSHIP PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN
12 IDENTIFIED. EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS HAVE REALLY BEEN BROUGHT
13 TO THE FOREFRONT. THIS COMMISSION IS ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE,
14 ENERGETIC COMMISSIONS I'VE EVER BEEN INVOLVED WITH. AND I KNOW
15 THEY'LL CONTINUE TO BE A GUIDING FORCE NO MATTER WHAT. SO
16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?
19 CHAIR?

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I WILL JUST SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD FOR THIS
22 BEAUTIFUL SCROLL ON BEHALF OF ALL MY COLLEAGUES HERE AND THE
23 ONES WHO WEREN'T ABLE TO MAKE IT TODAY. I THINK OTHERWISE
24 HELEN HAS SAID IT ALL FOR US. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. [APPLAUSE.]

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 30, 30, 30, THAT'S 90 YEARS. NOW WE WILL
4 CELEBRATE 100 YEARS. AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MAYOR
5 PRO TEM, FERNANDO DUTRA TO JOIN ME AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT OF
6 THE WHITTIER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, SHANNON GYMBLE. PAST
7 PRESIDENT MANI WACHE, AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CAROL CROSBY,
8 BOARD MEMBER LADONNA MUNYE. I WAS GOING TO GET THAT RIGHT. ALL
9 FROM THE WHITTIER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THEY'RE HERE TODAY
10 AND WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR THE OCCASION OF THE
11 CHAMBER'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY. THE WHITTIER CHAMBER WAS FORMED
12 WHEN THE WHITTIER COMMERCIAL CLUB AND THE BOARD OF TRADE
13 POOLED THEIR RESOURCES TO PROMOTE WHITTIER BUSINESS WITH THAT
14 EFFORT, BACK IN 1914. THE FIRST CHAMBER COMMITTEES REFLECTED
15 THE LOCAL BUSINESS CLIMATE AND INCLUDED TRANSPORTATION AND
16 PUBLIC UTILITIES, INDUSTRIES AND EXHIBITIONS AND RECEPTION AND
17 ENTERTAINMENT. THAT'S A LOT OF COMMITTEES. MAN, EVEN HAD
18 COMMITTEES BACK 100 YEARS AGO, RIGHT? THE CHAMBER OFFICES ON
19 PAINTER AVENUE WERE PURCHASED IN 1976. THE CHAMBER WAS ABLE TO
20 PAY OFF THE BUILDING IN 1980S THROUGH THE PROCEEDS OF THEIR
21 ANNUAL HATHAWAY GOLF TOURNAMENT. THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, THE
22 CHAMBER HAS BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN KEY PROJECTS, INCLUDING MOST
23 RECENTLY THE NULLES PROJECT, THE GREEN TRAIL PROJECT, THE
24 MINERAL EXTRACTION PROJECT AND THE PROPOSED METRO LIGHT RAIL
25 EXTENSION. THEY'VE ALSO WORKED WITH THE CITY TO CREATE BOTH

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1 THE UPTOWN WHITTIER AND WHITTIER BOULEVARD-SPECIFIC PLANS. AND
2 I WILL HAVE TO ADD THE WHITTIER CHAMBER HAS THE BEST
3 INSTALLATIONS OF ANY CHAMBER I'VE EVER BEEN TO. THEY ARE
4 ALWAYS FULL OF SURPRISES. THEY HAVE BEEN A VALUABLE RESOURCE
5 OVER THE LAST CENTURY, HAVE PROVIDED COUNTLESS OPPORTUNITIES
6 AND BENEFITS TO THEIR MEMBERS; BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY TO THE
7 WHITTIER AREA. AND THROUGH THEIR DEDICATED STAFF, THE CHAMBER
8 WORKS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO
9 GREATLY ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE GREAT CITY OF
10 WHITTIER. I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE CHAMBER AND THE
11 PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES ARE A LARGE REASON WHY WHITTIER IS
12 SUCH A HIGHLY REGARDED CITY. SO WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO
13 CONGRATULATE THE WHITTIER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, WISH THEM A
14 HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY AND HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS MORE. SO HERE
15 WE GO. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WHITTIER. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **SHANNON GYMBLE:** ON BEHALF OF THE WHITTIER CHAMBER, OUR BOARD,
18 OUR STAFF AND OUR VOLUNTEERS, WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU SO MUCH
19 FOR THIS HONOR. WE'RE VERY EXCITED TO BE 100 YEARS. I'D LIKE
20 TO INTRODUCE ONE OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, CAROL CROSBY.

21

22 **CAROL CROSBY:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE
23 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE WITH US TODAY. OUR MAYOR PRO TEM
24 FERNANDO DUTRA, OUR PRESIDENT SHANNON GYMBLE. PAST PRESIDENT
25 BONNIE WAGEY AND OUR BOARD MEMBER LADONNA MUNYE. I'D LIKE TO

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1 THANK THEM ALL FOR BEING HERE. AND IT CERTAINLY IS A PRIVILEGE
2 AND AN HONOR TO BE HERE REPRESENTING 650 MEMBERS. WE ARE VERY,
3 VERY BLESSED TO HAVE A GOOD POSITIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH
4 OUR CITY AND FERNANDO'S HERE AGAIN TO SUPPORT US. AND WE THANK
5 HIM. FERNANDO IS ALSO A CHAMBER MEMBER, WHICH IS A GREAT
6 THING, AS WELL. SO HE'S HERE WEARING TWO HATS TODAY. AND OF
7 COURSE, ALSO, WE HAVE A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR COUNTY AND
8 WE'D LIKE TO THANK DON FOR HIS MANY, MANY YEARS IN SUPPORT OF
9 OUR CHAMBER DEFINITELY. OUR CHAMBER EXISTS TO PROVIDE A STRONG
10 LOCAL ECONOMY, TO PROVIDE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES, NETWORKING
11 OPPORTUNITIES, TO PROVIDE GREAT BUSINESS EDUCATION, AND
12 OBVIOUSLY TO PROMOTE OUR COMMUNITY, WHICH WE LOVE. WE BELIEVE
13 THAT A STRONG BUSINESS COMMUNITY ENHANCES OUR OVERALL
14 COMMUNITY. AND WE ARE SO, SO PROUD TO BE IN WHITTIER AND
15 HONORED TO BE HERE CELEBRATING OUR 100TH YEAR. SO THANK YOU
16 ALL SO VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE HAVE LITTLE MILO, WHO IS A PARSON RUSSELL
19 TERRIER, SURRENDERED BY ITS OWNER WITH HIS BUDDY, OTIS. THIS
20 IS OTIS. OTIS IS SIX WEEKS OLD. DOMESTIC SHORT HAIR KITTEN. SO
21 THE PUPPY AND KITTEN SEASON IS COMING UP, AND WE'D LIKE
22 EVERYBODY TO CONSIDER ADOPTION. YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4610. AND
23 LITTLE MILO AND OTIS, YES, YES.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I'LL CALL FORWARD THOSE
2 HOLDING MULTIPLE ITEMS. FIRST OF ALL ERIC PREVEN, 31, 37, 46,
3 67. ARNOLD SACHS 1-D, 2-D, 2, 9, 16, 19, 20, 21, 49, 50, 51.
4 AND THEN GENEVIEVE ON 28 AND C.S.-3. AND THEN ON ITEM 7,
5 ROBERT SPERLING AND SEAN KELLEY.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN, I AM THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM
8 DISTRICT 3 AND ALSO CANDIDATE FOR THE THIRD SUPERVISOR SEAT
9 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. LAST WEEK WE HAD A HEARING ITEM
10 NO. 1 THAT WAS SALE OF A FACILITY TO CENTRAL L.L.C. FOR 3-1/2
11 MILLION DOLLARS. THE BOARD WAS NOT ABLE OR ANY OF THEIR STAFF
12 TO IDENTIFY TO WHOM WE WERE SELLING BEYOND THAT L.L.C. IT IS A
13 GUY NAMED STEVE LEE. AND I RAISE IT BECAUSE TODAY AT ITEM NO.
14 22, FOR EXAMPLE, WE ARE DEPLOYING TO THE C.E.O. WIDE LATITUDE
15 TO DECIDE ON A FACILITY FOR THE SHERIFF HOW TO DEPLOY SOME
16 TELEPHONE, DATA AND OTHER MONEY. IT'S CALLED TENANT
17 IMPROVEMENT AND WE DO IT ALL THE TIME. BUT TO ALLOW THE C.E.O.
18 TO DECIDE THAT AT SOME OTHER POINT WHETHER IT IS I.S.D. OR THE
19 SHERIFF TO PROVIDE THAT, IS A BIG MISTAKE. BECAUSE THE PUBLIC
20 WANTS TO UNDERSTAND WHERE THIS MONEY IS GOING AND WHO IS
21 INFLUENCING THESE DECISIONS. AND JUMPING BACK TO ITEM 1 FROM
22 LAST WEEK NOW, THAT ITEM WENT WITHOUT ANY EXPOSURE TO THE
23 PUBLIC OF WHO WE WERE BUYING A FACILITY FOR 3-1/2 MILLION
24 DOLLARS WITH. NOW, THAT FACILITY, IT'S WORTH NOTING, WE WERE
25 DEPLOYING CAPITAL MONEY FOR MENTAL HEALTH SOLUTIONS, WHICH IS

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1 A SPECIAL ACT THAT SET ASIDE MONEY FOR THAT PURPOSE. RATHER
2 THAN ENRICHING A GUY WITH A BIG BUYOUT OF HIS FACILITY THAT
3 WILL THEN RENOVATE OUT OF YOU, WE COULD HAVE BEEN DOING SOME
4 OF THE THINGS THAT WE ARE HOPING TO DO, WHICH IS REACH INTO
5 THE COMMUNITIES WITH SMALLER, LESS ONEROUS FACILITIES THAT
6 DON'T RUN INTO N.I.M.B.Y. PROBLEMS TO ACTUALLY ADDRESS THIS
7 POPULATION. SO BY DOING THIS OUT OF YOU FOR STEVE LEE WHO I
8 DON'T KNOW, I DO KNOW THAT HE HAS OVER A MILLION AND A HALF IN
9 REVENUE FROM THE COUNTY IN RENTALS TO US BECAUSE THERE ARE
10 SEVERAL OTHER FACILITIES LIKE 5811 L.L.C. THE WHOLE THING
11 SHOULD BE EXPOSED APPROPRIATELY, NOT HIDDEN BEHIND CLOSED
12 DOORS. AND NOT PUT ON A BOARD AGENDA ITEM FALLS SHORT OF WHAT
13 I THINK IS THE REPORTING REQUIREMENT. ITEM NO. 67 ON A VERY
14 BRIGHT AND HAPPY NOTE IS FOR THE FANCY PEOPLE. I'D LIKE TO
15 THANK MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR MAKING THE MILLS ACT AVAILABLE TO
16 ALLOW FOLKS TO RESTORE THEIR HOMES AND GET A SMALL TAX BREAK.
17 WE DO APPRECIATE IT BECAUSE IT WILL DRIVE SOME RESTORATION AND
18 ALSO SOME LOVE. ITEM NO. 31, AND I GUESS DAWN MCDIVITT IS
19 LEAVING JUST LIKE STEVE LEE IS SELLING HIS STAKE IN THE COUNTY
20 FACILITY, SHE'S GOING TO THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY AS WE
21 HEARD. TODAY WE ARE GOING TO APPROVE THE SUPPLEMENT ON TOP OF
22 THE 150,000, BUT NOWHERE IS THAT SUPPLEMENT IDENTIFIED. COULD
23 WE GET A SENSE OF WHETHER OR NOT THAT'S AN EXTRA 25,000 OR IS
24 IT AN EXTRA 100,000? I JUST THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE IN THE OPEN
25 GOVERNMENT SENSE. AND ITEM NO. 46 IS OUR FRIENDS AT PUBLIC

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1 WORKS HAVE AGREED TO \$250,000 PENALTY OF SOME KIND. BUT IT WAS
2 A YEAR AGO. SO WHY HAS IT TAKEN ONE YEAR FOR THIS TO REACH THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS? I FIND THAT AWKWARD. AND ITEM 37 WILL BE
4 MY CONCLUSION. THIS IS A STUDY FROM A VERY BIG COMPANY ON OUR
5 PUBLIC HEALTH AND DR. FIELDING IS OUT FRONT. HE'S LEAVING,
6 TOO, BY THE WAY, AND SO IS WATANABE. BUT THIS IS \$2 MILLION TO
7 THAT GROUP. AND A DEBATE ON THE WEEKEND IT CAME OUT THAT
8 34,000 STUDENTS ARE NOT GETTING NURSERY SCHOOL EDUCATION THAT
9 THEY NEED. THIS MADE ME ALMOST BURST INTO--

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TIME'S UP.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN GOVERNMENT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GENEVIEVE?

16

17 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** OKAY. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF
18 SUPERVISORS, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. FIRST ON ITEM 28, AGAIN
19 IS ONE OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY WHERE I HAVE ASKED
20 MULTIPLE QUESTIONS. THIS NOW IS THE CONTRACT OF MANY, MANY
21 MILLIONS AGAIN. AND IT DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE DEPARTMENTS.
22 FIVE DEPARTMENTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THAT DEAL. AND THAT
23 DEFINITELY IS OF GREAT CONCERN TO ME. ESPECIALLY I LISTENED TO
24 A PRESENTATION FROM THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT THE
25 COMMISSION ON HOSPITALS AND DID NOT RECEIVE THE ANSWER TO

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1 ANOTHER OF MY QUESTIONS. I THINK THIS THING ABOUT INFORMATION
2 TECHNOLOGY IS BECOMING QUITE OF CONCERN. IT'S ALMOST NOT A
3 WEEK THAT WE DO NOT APPROVE ANOTHER INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY.
4 AND I KNOW SOME OF YOU HAVE ASKED QUESTIONS, BUT NEVER GOT THE
5 ANSWER. AND ON ITEM 84, AGAIN IT'S CONTINUED. IT IS ABOUT
6 S.C.A. THAT'S ONE THING THAT DR. KATZ HAS BEEN EXTREMELY GOOD
7 AT, NOT GETTING TO FACTS WHEN HE DOESN'T HAVE THEM. ONE OF THE
8 THINGS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN S.C.A. IS HOW THE OPENING OF
9 M.L.K. WOULD HAVE IMPACT ON THE REST OF THE HOSPITAL OF THE
10 COUNTY. AND I HELD C.S.-3 BUT THAT WAS NOT C.S.-3 OF THIS
11 WEEK, IT WAS C.S.-3 OF LAST WEEK BECAUSE WE GOT A REPORT THAT
12 NO REPORTABLE ACTION WAS TAKEN IN C.S.-3. C.S.-3 WAS THE LEASE
13 ABOUT M.L.K. A QUESTION I HAVE ASKED, YOU KNOW, REPEATINGLY.
14 SO IF THERE WAS NO REPORTABLE ACTION TAKEN, HOW COME YOU CAME
15 BACK ON THE SAME MEETING UNDER ITEM 25, APPROVE NUMEROUS
16 AMENDMENTS TO THE M.L.K. CONTRACT? AND I WANT TO KNOW AND I
17 WANT EVERY DOCUMENT WHICH WAS SIGNED YESTERDAY, ANY EMAIL THAT
18 WAS SENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND M.L.K. CORPORATION. ANY
19 WRITTEN DOCUMENT, ANY PHONE CONVERSATION. AND THIS IS THE
20 FORMAL REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT. AND THE
21 REASON I ASK THAT VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT YESTERDAY IS BECAUSE
22 WHEN I VISITED THE M.L.K. GROUNDS ON FRIDAY AND I ASKED SOME
23 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE OWNERSHIP AND SO ON, AND I WAS TOLD WE
24 WILL HAVE FULL OWNERSHIP ON MONDAY. SO HOW CAN YOU HAVE FULL
25 OWNERSHIP ON MONDAY EXCEPT IF SOME DOCUMENT NEEDED TO BE

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1 SIGNED? SO THAT'S WHY I WANT THE DOCUMENTATION. THANK YOU. AND
2 I HAVE A LETTER.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS AND
7 THANK YOU FOR THE THREE MINUTES FOR YOUR 90-ITEM AGENDA. YOUR
8 LARGENESS IS JUST SO APPRECIATED. ANYWAY, I HELD ITEMS 1-D, 2-
9 D AND 21, ESSENTIALLY THEY'RE ABOUT DOING SOME INSTALLATION
10 WORK AND/OR IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTIES. 1-D AND 2-D ARE FOR
11 THE COMMISSION ON HOUSING. THERE'S A COMMISSION, COMMUNITY
12 DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. BUT YOU IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
13 COMMISSION. SO WHERE ARE YOU DOING THIS INSTALLATION AT? WOULD
14 PERMITS BE NECESSARY TO DO THIS INSTALLATION? MAYBE MR.
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION. HE'S UP-TO-DATE ON
16 PERMITTING. AND 21 IS REGARDING THE SHERIFF LANDLORD
17 IMPROVEMENTS. WOULD THE LANDLORD NEED TO GET PERMITS FROM THE
18 CITY THAT THE WORK IS BEING DONE IN? OR IS THAT JUST BECAUSE
19 IT'S COUNTY WORK, JUST WE BLOW THAT OFF. I HELD ITEM 2. IT'S
20 REGARDING THE FOOD STAMP PROGRAM. BY THE WAY DID YOU HAPPEN TO
21 SEND A LETTER TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHEN THE FOOD STAMPS
22 WERE SLASHED BACK IN NOVEMBER? DID YOU HAPPEN TO SEND ONE OF
23 YOUR FIVE SIGNATURE LETTERS TO THEM? I DON'T THINK SO. ITEM
24 NO. 9, THE D.C.F. 30TH ANNIVERSARY. AND WHAT A PRESENTATION
25 THERE, SUPERVISOR KNABE. SUPERB. SO CAN YOU ANSWER THIS

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1 QUESTION? WHY THE BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION? WHY THE BLUE RIBBON
2 COMMISSION TO DISCUSS THE D.C.F.S. BEING LOST IN SPACE?
3 BECAUSE OF THE WONDERFUL WORK THEY'VE BEEN DOING THE OTHER 28
4 YEARS. GOT NO ANSWER THERE. ITEM 16 REFERS TO THE COUNTY CODE.
5 SO I'M THINKING METRO CODES WHERE YOU CAN MODIFY STATE LAWS.
6 REMEMBER THE MOVIE, "TREASURES OF SIERRA MADRE?" "BADGES? WE
7 DON'T NEED NO STINKIN' BADGES." CODES, PERMITS? WE DON'T NEED
8 THOSE, EITHER. 19 REFERS TO DISCRETIONARY FUNDS. SO I THOUGHT
9 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS VERSUS EXCESSIVE FUNDS. SO I'M WONDERING
10 WHAT CATEGORY THE \$20 MILLION YOU USED FOR THE JUDGES GOES
11 UNDER, THE 500 FUNDED-UNFILLED D.C.F. POSITIONS THAT
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED AND THE UNACCOUNTED SUNSHINE
13 CANYON COUNTY LANDFILL FUNDS ARE THOSE DISCRETIONARY FUNDS OR
14 EXCESSIVE FUNDS? ITEM 20 REFERS TO THE PENSION SAVINGS PLAN,
15 BUT IF YOU CHECK YOUR AGENDA AND YOU LOOK AT ITEM 83, IT'S
16 ALMOST GOING TO BE FOUR YEARS SINCE SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
17 ASKED ABOUT UNFUNDED L.A.C.E.R.A. PENSION FUNDS. FOUR YEARS?
18 THAT'S ALMOST A FULL TERM. YOU KNUCKLEHEADS. AND THEN I HELD
19 ITEM 49, 50, 51, 52, AND 53 BECAUSE THEY DEAL WITH PARATRANSIT
20 PROGRAMS. AND IN EACH DISTRICT, THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF
21 MONEY ALLOCATED. THE DIFFERENCE IS ALMOST \$2 MILLION IN WHAT'S
22 ALLOCATED AND WHAT'S BEING SPENT EXCEPT IN THE THIRD DISTRICT.
23 \$104,000 IS BEING ALLOCATED AND \$104,000 IS BEING SPENT. WHY
24 THE DIFFERENTIAL? I KNOW. YOU'RE OUT OF TIME. NO, YOU CUT ME
25 OFF EARLY. I STILL HAD A SECOND.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WELL WE'VE GOT SPEAKERS. I'M
3 CALLING UP RIGHT NOW. WE'LL CALL THE PUBLIC UP AND THEN THE
4 ASSESSOR. ROBERT SPERLING AND SEAN KELLEY. AND THEN JUST TO
5 GIVE A HEADS UP TO THE ASSESSOR. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS
6 SOME QUESTIONS AFTER WE'RE DONE WITH THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

7

8 **ROBERT SPERLING:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. ROBERT
9 SPERLING OF RYAN L.L.C. I JUST WANTED TO REGISTER OUR SUPPORT
10 OF THIS MOTION. I'VE BEEN A TAX AGENT SINCE 1985. AND I THINK
11 THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT BILL GOING FORWARD AT THE STATE LEVEL
12 AND I APPRECIATE THE COUNTY'S SUPPORT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** YES, SIR.

15

16 **SEAN KELLEY:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD MORNING.
17 SEAN KELLEY, PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM DE PASQUALE, KELLEY AND
18 COMPANY, BUT I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF
19 TAXPAYERS ADVOCATES, WHICH IS A BOARD THAT I SERVE ON. WE ALSO
20 WANT TO APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION SUPPORT IT. I
21 THINK IT BRINGS THE WANTED TRANSPARENCY THERE AND TAKES THE
22 IDEALS FROM THE LOS ANGELES ORDINANCE AND APPLIES IT STATEWIDE
23 ON A STATEWIDE BASIS, WHICH IS IMPORTANT.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE HAD TO START SOME PLACE AND I THINK
2 THIS IS THE ULTIMATE GOAL, SO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO
3 COME DOWN AND TESTIFY.

4

5 **SEAN KELLEY:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IS THE ASSESSOR AVAILABLE,
8 PLEASE? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS SOME QUESTIONS. UNAVAILABLE?

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WHILE WE'RE WAITING,
11 CAN I READ A FEW OF THESE TO HAVE YOUR BOARD APPROVE? MR.
12 CHAIRMAN?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'D LIKE TO LET US KNOW WHAT WE'RE
15 APPROVING?

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SURE.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEMS THAT WERE HELD, AND WE CAN GO
20 AHEAD AND APPROVE THOSE WHILE WE'RE WAITING.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** RIGHT. WE'LL HOLD ITEM 7. BUT THE
23 FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE BEFORE THIS BOARD, ITEM NO. 1-D, 2-D, 2,
24 9, 16, 19, 20, 21, 28, 31, 37, 46, 49, 50, 51 AND 67. THOSE
25 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THOSE ITEMS, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT
4 OBJECTION, SO BE THE ORDER.

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GREAT, THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MIKE, THEY'RE NOT DOWN HERE YET, BUT
9 THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS
10 YOU WANT TO CALL UP OR ANY ADJOURNMENTS WHILE WE'RE WAITING?
11 OKAY, GO AHEAD.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN IF I COULD I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN IN
14 THE MEMORY OF UNITED STATES ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS, DANIELA
15 ROJAS WHO HAS PASSED AWAY FROM A NONCOMBAT RELATED ILLNESS.
16 PRIVATE ROJAS WAS A MEMBER OF THE 2ND BATTALION, 12TH INFANTRY
17 REGIMENT, 4TH BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM IN FORT CARSON, COLORADO. WE
18 EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HER FAMILY AND EXPRESS OUR
19 GRATITUDE TO THIS BRAVE YOUNG WOMAN WHO HAS HONORABLY SERVED
20 OUR NATION. I ALSO WISH TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY FREGOSO
21 WHO HAS PASSED AWAY AT THE REMARKABLE AGE OF 97. MRS. FRIGOSO,
22 WHO IS THE BELOVED MOTHER OF MY CONSTITUENT CARMEN GONZALES
23 WAS BORN IN GUADALAJARA, MEXICO, AND RESIDED IN EAST LOS
24 ANGELES FOR OVER 50 YEARS. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THE MARAVILLA
25 COMMUNITY AND WAS DEVOTED MEMBER OF OUR LADY OF SOLEDAD

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1 PARISH. WE WANT TO SEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO CARMEN AND
2 HER ENTIRE FAMILY. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
5 THOMAS, ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. PLEASE
8 JOIN ME IN ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF JULIA M. CHAPMAN BORN JUNE
9 16TH OF 1916 IN LOUISIANA AND SHE PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 29 AT
10 THE AGE OF 97. SHE WAS THE FIRST LADY EMERITUS OF THE VICTORY
11 BAPTIST CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES. SHE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HER
12 LOVE AND DEDICATION TO HER FAMILY AND TO HER COMMUNITY, TO HER
13 CHURCH. MS. CHAPMAN IS SURVIVED BY HER LOVED ONES AND THE
14 ENTIRE COMMUNITY, WHO WILL INDEED MISS HER. JULIA CHAPMAN, MR.
15 CHAIRMAN. HENRY SHIELDS, JR., MR. SHIELDS WAS BORN ON JULY
16 2ND, 1945 IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS AND PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 18 AT
17 THE AGE OF 68. HE WAS THE SON OF HENRY SR. AND MARJORIE
18 SHIELDS AND GREW UP ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF CHICAGO WHERE HE
19 ACQUIRED THE NAME OF "SCRAPPER," WHICH REMAINED WITH HIM
20 THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE. HE ATTENDED SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
21 AND UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, RECEIVING A BACHELOR'S OF SCIENCE
22 DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING. IN THE YEAR OF 1968 HE WORKED IN THE
23 NUCLEAR ENERGY DIVISION OF GENERAL ELECTRIC FOR SEVERAL YEARS
24 AND THEN EARNED HIS JURIS DOCTORATE FROM U.C. BERKELEY SCHOOL
25 OF LAW IN 1974. MR. SHIELDS JOINED THE LAW FIRM OF IRELL AND

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1 MANELLA IN 1975 WHERE HE BECAME A PARTNER IN PRACTICE THERE
2 FOR SOME 33 YEARS. HE THEN MOVED ON TO OTHER LAW FIRMS
3 REPRESENTING MAJOR ENTERTAINMENT COMPANIES, INCLUDING
4 N.B.C./UNIVERSAL TELEVISION ENTERTAINMENT AND CASES CONCERNING
5 FIRST AMENDMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS-RELATED ISSUES. HE WAS ON
6 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION
7 AND THE LOS ANGELES FREE CLINIC. HE WAS ALSO A MEMBER OF
8 SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE NINTH-
9 CIRCUIT GENDER-BIAS TASKFORCE AND PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN
10 CINEMA TECH. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL
11 LITIGATOR AND A TRAILBLAZER IN THE LEGAL COMMUNITY,
12 PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF ENTERTAINMENT LAW. HE IS SURVIVED
13 BY HIS WIFE JO ANNE, TWO SONS, BRIAN AND MATTHEW. MOTHER
14 MARJORIE, BROTHERS SHAUN, DAVID AND NORMAN. SISTERS NOREEN AND
15 DIANE AND MANY FAMILY MEMBERS, PERSONAL FRIENDS WHO WILL
16 INDEED MISS HIM. MR. CHAIRMAN, VERNON L. ROBINSON, JR., BORN
17 SEPTEMBER THE 25TH, 1919 IN GALVESTON, TEXAS AND PASSED ON
18 APRIL THE 12TH AT THE AGE OF 94. FAMILY MOVED TO LOS ANGELES
19 IN 1925 WHILE MR. ROBINSON ATTENDED DAVID STARR JORDAN HIGH
20 SCHOOL WHERE HE EXCELLED IN TRACK. HE ALSO RAN AT COMPTON
21 JUNIOR COLLEGE AND GRADUATED WITH AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE
22 IN 1940. IT WAS IN 1942 WHEN MR. ROBINSON JOINED THE SIGNAL
23 CORPS SERVICE COMMAND UNIT IN SAN FRANCISCO WHERE HE ENLISTED
24 AND ENTERED ACTIVE SERVICE IN 1943. HE SERVED AS A RADIO
25 TECHNICIAN WITH THE 366TH AIR SERVICE SQUADRON IN ITALY WHICH

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1 PLAYED A VERY IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL
2 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN. MR. ROBINSON PARTICIPATED IN THE TUSKEGEE
3 CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL CEREMONY AND ATTENDED THE INAUGURAL
4 CEREMONY OF PRESIDENT OBAMA IN 2009. HE MARRIED STELLA LUCILLE
5 PECOT IN 1954 AND MOVED TO HAWAII. MR. ROBINSON APPLIED TO
6 WORK FOR THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION, NOW THE
7 FEDERATION AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. SINCE THEY WERE NOT HIRING
8 AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AT THE
9 TIME, HE COULD ONLY WORK AT GUAM OR HONOLULU. IN 1959 THE
10 FAMILY MOVED BACK TO LOS ANGELES WHERE MR. ROBINSON REALIZED
11 HIS DREAM TO WORK FOR THE F.A.A. AND ROSE TO BEING AN
12 ELECTRONIC TECHNICIAN TO A GENERAL AVIONICS INSPECTOR. HE
13 WORKED FOR THE F.A.A. FOR SOME 34 YEARS AND RETIRED IN 1974.
14 HE THEN WORKED AS AN INSTRUCTOR IN SEVERAL COMPANIES AND
15 TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IN AND AROUND SAUDI ARABIA. HE'LL BE
16 REMEMBERED FOR HIS LOVE OF FLYING, PHOTOGRAPHY AND RADIO. HE
17 WAS ACTIVE MEMBER OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS, AFRICAN-AMERICAN
18 GENEALOGY SOCIETY, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION CHAPTER OF THE
19 TUSKEGEE AIRMEN, AND HE TOOK AND TAUGHT COMPUTER CLASSES AT
20 WILLOWBROOK SENIOR CENTER. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE STELLA,
21 DAUGHTER DEBRA, SONS VERNON III, AND LAWRENCE, THEIR SPOUSES
22 AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN, TWO SISTERS-IN-LAW AND MANY OTHER
23 FAMILY MEMBERS. AND, FINALLY, TAURUSON MCMILLIAN, BORN JULY
24 28, 1979 AND PASSED ON JANUARY 4 EARLIER THIS YEAR AT THE AGE
25 OF 34. THE VICTIM OF A SENSELESS DRIVE-BY SHOOTING IN COMPTON.

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1 HE WAS THE SON OF VAUGHN MCMILLAN AND DENISE CHAMBERS AND WAS
2 RAISED BY HIS GRANDMOTHER ANNIE LOVE. MANY OF HIS FRIENDS AND
3 FAMILY KNEW HIM AS T-ZONE. HE WORKED FOR THE CITY OF PASADENA
4 AND THE FINISH LINE TOWING COMPANY. HIS DREAM WAS TO OWN A
5 FLEET OF TRUCKS AND NAME THE COMPANY "PAPA IS TOWING." HE ALSO
6 MENTORED MANY YOUNG TEENAGERS. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS
7 SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE, HIS POSITIVE OUTLOOK, HIS AMBITION. HE
8 ENJOYED FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL, RIDING HIS MOTORCYCLE AND JET
9 SKIING. MR. MCMILLAN IS SURVIVED BY HIS FATHER, GEORGE, HIS
10 GRANDMOTHER, ANNIE, SIGNIFICANT OTHER PAM ADEL AND THREE
11 CHILDREN, JOSIAH, DEMICAH AND MARIAH, WHO WILL ALL MISS HIM
12 DEARLY. MR. CHAIRMAN, THAT CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SO ORDERED. SUPERVISOR
15 YAROSLAVSKY? ANY ADJOURNMENTS?

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS.
18 ONE IS I'D LIKE TO ASK THE BOARD TO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
19 MITCHELL KARLAN. DR. MITCH KARLAN WAS A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF
20 OUR DISTRICT, PROMINENT LEADER IN THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY WHO
21 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 86 LAST WEEK. BORN AND RAISED IN
22 CLEVELAND, OHIO, HE ENLISTED IN THE AIR FORCE FOLLOWING HIS
23 GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL. LATER, THANKS TO THE G.I. BILL
24 WAS ABLE TO GRADUATE SUMMA CUM LAUDE FROM OHIO STATE
25 UNIVERSITY WHERE HE WAS CLASS VALEDICTORIAN. HE WENT ON TO

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1 EARN HIS M.D. DEGREE FROM HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL AND COMPLETED
2 HIS TRAINING AT MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER IN NEW
3 YORK. HE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES WITH HIS WIFE JUDITH IN 1961
4 WHERE HE PRACTICED MEDICINE FOR 50 YEARS AND HAD A LONG
5 ASSOCIATION WITH CEDAR SINAI MEDICAL CENTER. IN ADDITION TO
6 CARING FOR PATIENTS, AMONG MANY LEADERSHIP POSITION THIS IS
7 THE MEDICAL FIELD, HE BECAME PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE LOS
8 ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND OF THE SOUTHERN
9 CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS INSURANCE EXCHANGE, WHICH INSURES
10 DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS AGAINST MALPRACTICE. HE ALSO TAUGHT
11 SURGERY FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS AT THE U.S.C. SCHOOL OF
12 MEDICINE. HE ALSO SERVED ON THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL BOARD. HE
13 IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 58 YEARS, JUDITH, HIS FOUR
14 CHILDREN, MARK, CINDY, CRAIG AND DR. SCOTT KARLAN AND EIGHT
15 GRANDCHILDREN, MATTHEW, JOCELYN, JESSIE, RYAN, JENNIFER,
16 JOSEPH, SIDNEY AND DYLAN. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
17 MEMORY OF LONG-TIME FRIEND OF MINE AND BARBARA'S, MICHAEL
18 NOTHMAN, WHO PASSED AWAY OVER THIS PAST WEEKEND IN ISRAEL.
19 MICHAEL DIED AT THE AGE OF 85. HE WAS BORN IN GERMANY IN 1928
20 BUT RAISED IN SHANGHAI DURING THE LATE '30S AND EARLY '40S. HE
21 WAS ABLE TO REINVENT HIMSELF TO FIT WHATEVER CIRCUMSTANCES
22 AROSE. HE WORKED HERE IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AT THE I.T.T.
23 GILFILLIN COMPANY IN THE EARLY DAYS OF RADAR DEVELOPMENT AND
24 LIVED FOR MANY YEARS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE SPOKE
25 FLUENT GERMAN, FRENCH, SPANISH, ENGLISH AND WAS STUDYING

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1 HEBREW, AND EVENTUALLY MOVED TO ISRAEL TO BE WITH HIS DAUGHTER
2 NICOLE AND HER FAMILY IGAL AND DAUGHTER NAOMI. YET HE ALWAYS
3 STAYED CONNECTED AND WELL READ ON THE DAY-TO-DAY LIFE AND
4 POLITICS HERE IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN LOS ANGELES IN
5 PARTICULAR. HE WAS A GOOD MAN. A LOYAL FRIEND AND A THOUGHTFUL
6 AND CARING PERSON. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, PIERRE AND
7 NICOLE, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, MERCEDES, ISABEL, IGAL AND NAOMI.
8 HIS WIFE YVETTE PREDECEASED HIM AND SHE WAS A WONDERFUL WOMAN
9 IN HER OWN RIGHT. AND I ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
10 MICHAEL NOTHMAN. ALSO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BEN
11 HOBERMAN. BEN HOBERMAN WAS A LONGTIME BROADCAST EXECUTIVE WHO
12 SUCCESSFULLY PROGRAMMED K.A.B.C. A.M. RADIO INTO THE FIRST LOS
13 ANGELES ALL TALK RADIO STATION IN 1960. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE
14 AGE OF 92. UNDER HIS WATCH, K.A.B.C. WAS MARKETED AS THE
15 "CONVERSATION STATION" AND BOASTED A POWERFUL LINEUP OF RADIO
16 TALENT THAT INCLUDED MICHAEL JACKSON, BILL BALANCE, PAMELA
17 MASON, RAY BRIEM, AND BOB AND KEN. BOB ARTHUR AND KEN MINYARD.
18 A.B.C. BECAME THE OFFICIAL DODGERS STATION IN 1974. AND IN
19 1979 BEN LEFT K.A.B.C. TO BECOME PRESIDENT OF A.B.C. RADIO IN
20 NEW YORK WHERE HE OVERSAW SIX SATELLITE RADIO NETWORKS OF
21 SYNDICATED PROGRAMMING, NUMBERING 2,000 AFFILIATED STATION AND
22 12 NETWORK-OWNED AND OPERATED A.M. AND F.M. STATIONS. HE
23 EVENTUALLY RETIRED BACK HOME IN LOS ANGELES AND DURING HIS
24 MANY YEARS HERE, HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY
25 ACTIVITIES AND VOLUNTEER SERVICES, AMONG THEM THE BRAILLE

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1 INSTITUTE, CEDAR SINAI MEDICAL CENTER AND THE BOARD OF
2 GOVERNORS, FRIENDS OF GOLF, HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB AND LEO
3 BAECK TEMPLE. HE IS SURVIVED BY THREE CHILDREN, TOM, DAVID AND
4 JOAN AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN, ERIC, SARAH, CHLOE, CHARLIE AND
5 HANNAH. HIS WIFE JACKIE PREDECEASED HIM LAST YEAR. THOSE ARE
6 MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS.

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8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE
9 ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF MARISSA MALIN, CERRITOS RESIDENT,
10 AND MOTHER-IN-LAW OF ONE OF MY COUNCILMEMBERS IN ARTESIA,
11 VICTOR MANALO, WHO WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED ON APRIL 25TH AT THAT
12 FARRELL'S ICE CREAM PARLOR. SHE WAS 73 YEARS OLD, GREAT LADY.
13 SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN
14 ARTESIA. SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, MONICA, SON-IN-LAW, VICTOR,
15 AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. SUCH A TRAGEDY. SHE'LL BE MISSED BY
16 ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JODINDRA BHUMITRA, A
17 MOTHER OF MY LONGTIME FRIEND AND SUPPORTER, ARUN BHUMITRA WHO
18 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, VIJAY., ARUN,
19 SHELLY AND AJAY, HER GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.
20 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SANDRA BRAR, THE WIFE OF
21 CERRITOS ASSISTANT MANAGER VINCE BRAR, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE
22 AGE OF 71 AFTER A LONG STRUGGLE. SHE WAS A VERY VIBRANT LADY
23 WHO LOVED LIFE, TRAVELING AND HER FAMILY. SHE AND VINCE WERE
24 DEVOTED TO EACH OTHER AND MARRIED FOR NEARLY 30 YEARS. SHE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, VINCE, TWO SONS, HER GRANDCHILDREN

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1 AND SEVERAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS, WILL BE TRULY MISSED BUT SHE
2 HAD A LONG STRUGGLE. ALSO, IN MEMORY OF JATINDER BRAR, KNOWN
3 AS "JAY," WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 62, HE WAS AN AVID
4 SCHOLAR AND RECEIVED HIS B.A. FROM PUNJAB UNIVERSITY AND
5 MASTERS IN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING FROM S.C. HE COMPLETED
6 ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AT BOTH CAL TECH AND U.C.L.A.
7 HE WAS CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER AT J.P.L. HE WAS AN
8 OUTDOOR ENTHUSIAST WHO WAS ALWAYS ON THE MOVE AND VALUED
9 SPENDING TIME WITH HIS FAMILY. SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER
10 JESSICA AND HER HUSBAND LEE, HIS PARTNER, BETTY. TWO SISTERS,
11 MANJEET AND DALJEET, AND ONE BROTHER VINCE WHO JUST LOST HIS
12 WIFE, AS WELL. SO HE WILL BE TRULY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM.
13 ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LOUISE DUVALL, FIRST WOMAN EVER
14 TO SERVE ON THE LONG BEACH BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS
15 PASSED AWAY ON APRIL 19TH AT THE AGE OF 93. NATIVE OF
16 PITTSBURGH. MOVED TO LONG BEACH IN 1954. SHE WAS A LONG BEACH
17 ATTORNEY SPECIALIZING IN CORPORATE LAW AND AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF
18 THE MARITIME INDUSTRY. SHE PAVED THE WAY FOR WOMEN IN MANY
19 LEADERSHIP ROLES. SHE SERVED IN MANY ORGANIZATIONS. FIRST
20 WOMAN TO BE ELECTED TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD. FIRST
21 WOMAN PRESIDENT OF LONG BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION. LAWYER OF THE
22 YEAR. PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER'S WOMEN'S COUNCIL. PAST
23 PRESIDENT AND LIFE MEMBER OF THE PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION OF
24 PORT AUTHORITIES. SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER MAE WEST SENSE OF
25 HUMOR AND TAKE CHARGE ATTITUDE. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED.

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1 SURVIVED BY HER NEPHEW ROBERT. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF IS
2 CECIL CARPIO, A LONGTIME FRIEND AND COMMUNITY ACTIVIST WHO
3 PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 60. VERY CARING PERSON,
4 PASSIONATE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. SHE LOVED BEING A VOLUNTEER
5 AND USING LOCAL TRANSIT AS A MEANS FOR TRANSPORTATION. HER
6 RECENT INTEREST WAS THE EXPANSION OF L.A.X. SHE WILL BE DEARLY
7 MISSED BY HER FRIENDS, FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY. SURVIVED BY
8 HER HUSBAND JOHN AND DAUGHTER SPARKY. FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN
9 IN MEMORY OF DANIELLE MURILLO AND JESSICA LAFFEY, TWO BEST
10 FRIENDS FROM NORTH HIGH SCHOOL IN TORRANCE, WHO WERE
11 TRAGICALLY KILLED IN A CAR ACCIDENT ON HIGHWAY 101 NEAR SANTA
12 BARBARA LAST WEEK WHILE RETURNING HOME FROM A CONCERT IN SANTA
13 MARIA. DANIELLE AND JESSICA, BOTH SENIORS AT NORTH HIGH, ALSO
14 KILLED WAS JESSICA'S BOYFRIEND, BRIAN LOPEZ, OF LOS ANGELES.
15 THEY WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY FAMILY AND FRIENDS. SO ORDERED.
16 MIKE?

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS, ONE OF OUR OLD FRIENDS
19 WHO HAD BEEN HERE MANY TIMES BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
20 PAULINE MCCOURTNEY, HAD PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEK AT THE AGE
21 OF 103. SHE HAD BEEN DRIVING UP TO 102 YEARS OF AGE AND WAS A
22 GREAT INSPIRATION AND GOOD ROLE MODEL. SHE WAS THE WIFE OF OUR
23 FORMER JUDGE, ALFRED MCCOURTNEY, A JUDICIAL PIONEER IN THE
24 ANTELOPE VALLEY AND A FORMER SUPERIOR COURT COURT PRESIDING
25 JUDGE, AND JUVENILE COURT PRESIDING JUDGE. SHE WAS A LONGTIME

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1 RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND GLENDALE. SHE CAME TO
2 CALIFORNIA FROM OKLAHOMA DURING THE DUST BOWL MARRYING JUDGE
3 MCCOURTNEY, FOLLOWING A VERY WONDERFUL CAREER AS A LEADING
4 ACTRESS. SHE WAS A GREAT INSPIRATION AND CHAMPION OF THE
5 COUNTY'S JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE WERE PROUD TO HAVE PAULINE JOIN
6 THIS BOARD MANY TIMES, ESPECIALLY AT THE DEDICATION OF THE
7 ALFRED MCCOURTNEY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER IN LANCASTER. AND
8 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SONS, MICHAEL AND BRUCE, WHO ALSO HAD
9 BEEN DOWN HERE BEFORE. MY COMMISSIONER TO THE CITIZENS'
10 ECONOMY EFFICIENCY COMMISSION PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91.
11 THAT WAS SOL SOTERAS. HE WORKED IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY FOR
12 OVER 50 YEARS. HE WAS VICE PRESIDENT TO THE AHMANSON AND
13 CALIFORNIA OVERSEAS BANK. SERVED ON NUMEROUS GOVERNMENT
14 COMMISSIONS INCLUDING THE NEW MOTOR VEHICLE BOARD, THE
15 CALIFORNIA STATE TEACHERS INVESTMENT SYSTEMS BOARD, LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF INVESTMENTS. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER
17 OF ST. SOPHIA'S CATHEDRAL, AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER
18 NICOLE AND HIS SISTER BILO. ANOTHER GOOD FRIEND AND SUPPORTER,
19 EFREM ZIMBALIST JR. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. HE'S BEST
20 KNOWN FOR HIS ROLES IN THE TELEVISION SERIES "77 SUNSET STRIP"
21 AND "THE F.B.I." WHICH LATER MADE HIM AN HONORARY MEMBER OF
22 THE F.B.I. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE FILM INDUSTRY WORKING AS
23 AN N.B.C. PAGE. HE STUDIED ACTING AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD
24 PLAYHOUSE IN NEW YORK. IN 1941 HE SERVED THE UNITED STATES
25 ARMY, RECEIVED A PURPLE HEART AFTER BEING WOUNDED IN BATTLE.

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1 HE BEGAN HIS ACTING CAREER IN 1945 ON BROADWAY AND WENT ON TO
2 STAR IN 93 FILM AND TELEVISION SHOWS. WE FIRST BECAME
3 ACQUAINTED BACK IN 1976 WHEN WE WERE A MEMBER OF RONALD
4 REAGAN'S PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATION FOR CALIFORNIA AT THE
5 NATIONAL REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN KANSAS CITY. AND HE REMAINED
6 ACTIVE AND INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL FIELD. HE IS SURVIVED BY
7 HIS DAUGHTER STEPHANIE AND HIS SON SKIP AND HIS FOUR
8 GRANDCHILDREN AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ANOTHER GOOD
9 FRIEND, HE HAD BEEN BEFORE THE BOARD MANY, MANY TIMES. A REAL
10 TRUE PROFESSIONAL, AND A MAN OF INTEGRITY AND THAT WAS GUNJIT
11 SIKAND, WHO WAS THE FOUNDER OF SIKAND ENGINEERING ASSOCIATES
12 AND SIKAND PROPERTIES. HE PASSED AWAY THIS PAST WEEK AT THE
13 AGE OF 86. HIS MASTER'S DEGREE WAS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
14 COLORADO AND HE WAS ALSO TAUGHT AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
15 LOS ANGELES FOR 20 YEARS. AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE
16 MARGARETE AND HIS THREE CHILDREN. EDWARD C. MORRIS, HE PASSED
17 AWAY ON DECEMBER 12TH. HE HAD SERVED AS THE COUNTY TREASURER-
18 TAX COLLECTOR FOR OVER 38 YEARS. IN 2005 HE HAD BEEN APPOINTED
19 TO THE L.A.C.E.R.A. BOARD AND WAS ELECTED TO SUCCESSIVE TERMS
20 UNTIL HIS PASSING. HE WAS A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
21 DIRECTORS OF THE RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE
22 WAS PRESIDENT AND TREASURER FOR MANY YEARS. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE
23 IN THE GLENDALE ELKS, ACHIEVING THE POSITION OF DISTRICT
24 DEPUTY GRAND EXULTANT RULER AND SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE TRICIA
25 AND HIS THREE CHILDREN. BEVERLY DIANE TIEJEN PASSED AWAY ON

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1 APRIL 4TH. SHE WAS THE PRINCIPAL AT BRENTWOOD SCIENCE AND
2 MAGNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 18 YEARS AND A LEADER OF LOS
3 ANGELES UNIFIED DISTRICT MAGNET PROGRAM, WHICH PROVIDED
4 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED. SHE WAS AN
5 ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT LUTHERAN
6 YOUTH ORGANIZATION, THRIVENT FINANCIAL, AND WAS ON THE BOARD
7 OF DIRECTORS OF THE PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN
8 CHURCH, MISSOURI SYNOD. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND, DON,
9 AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN. AND BOZIDAR VASIEVIC PASSED AWAY IN
10 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE ST. STEVENS
11 SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL FOR 60 YEARS. THOSE ARE MY
12 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. I THINK WE HAVE THE FOLKS
15 DOWN HERE NOW TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, MIKE, IF THEY WOULD
16 COME FORWARD FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, THANK YOU.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GOOD MORNING. THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE-- A
19 COUPLE QUESTIONS BOTH FOR THE ASSESSOR AND THE C.E.O. ARE
20 THERE ANY KEY DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION AND
21 THE COUNTY'S ORDINANCE?

22
23 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE A FEW DIFFERENCES. THE PRIMARY DIFFERENCES
24 BETWEEN THE L.A. ORDINANCE AND A.B.2415, THE L.A. ORDINANCE
25 BARS REGISTRATION BY ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF ANY

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1 VIOLATION OF FEDERAL OR STATE LAW. A.B.2415 BARS REGISTRATION
2 BY ANYONE WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF A FELONY VIOLATION OF SUCH
3 LAWS. ANOTHER ONE A.B.2415 PROHIBITS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS OR A MEMBER OF AN ASSESSMENT APPEALS BOARD FROM
5 PRACTICING AS A TAX AGENT IN THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MEMBER
6 SERVES. THE L.A. ORDINANCE CONTAINS NO SUCH PROVISION.

7 A.B.2415 DOES NOT INCLUDE PROHIBITIONS AGAINST TWO PRACTICES
8 MENTIONED IN THE L.A. ORDINANCE. WILLFULLY ASSIST COUNSEL OR
9 ENCOURAGE A TAXPAYER TO VIOLATE ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL
10 TAX LAW, OR KNOWINGLY COUNSEL OR SUGGEST TO A TAXPAYER IN A
11 LEGAL PLAN TO EVADE FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL TAXES OR THE
12 PAYMENT THEREOF. KNOWINGLY ENGAGE IN ANY FALSE OR MISLEADING
13 CONDUCT, PRACTICE OR DECEPTION, OR KNOWINGLY PROVIDE OR RELY
14 UPON FALSE, INACCURATE, DECEITFUL OR MISLEADING INFORMATION,
15 OR KNOWINGLY FAIL TO PREPARE, EXECUTE OR SUBMIT REQUIRED
16 DOCUMENTATION OR INFORMATION WHICH LAWFULLY MUST BE REVEALED
17 WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER, DECISION, ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION OR
18 PROCEEDING BEFORE THE COUNTY OR ANY COUNTY OFFICIAL.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE REASON I ASKED THE QUESTION, MANY OF THE
21 ENTITY, BUSINESS ENTITIES HAVE COME OUT OPPOSED TO THIS
22 LEGISLATION, INCLUDING THE CALIFORNIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND
23 THE CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS ASSOCIATION. WHAT IS THE
24 BASIS OF THEIR OPPOSITION?

25

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1 **SPEAKER:** WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO BE ABLE TO
2 PROVIDE BETTER GUIDANCE ON THAT.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF THE LEGISLATION PASSES, WILL THAT
5 STRENGTHEN OUR ORDINANCE OR WILL IT WEAKEN OUR ORDINANCE?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** THERE ARE SOME PROVISIONS IN WHICH OUR ORDINANCE IS
8 ACTUALLY STRICTER THAN THE STATE; HOWEVER, WE HAVE THE OPTION
9 OF CREATING ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES TO TIGHTEN THE PROVISIONS
10 THAT WE FEEL THAT WE NEED TO.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE WE ABLE TO STRENGTHEN THE ORDINANCE, OR
13 DOES THE STATE NOT ALLOW THAT?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** THE STATE WOULD PRE-EMPT OURS; HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE
16 THE ABILITY TO INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES IF WE FEEL THAT
17 WE NEED STRICTER PROVISIONS IN ANY PARTICULAR AREA.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD IT BE A NEW ORDINANCE OR WOULD IT BE A
20 NEW STATE LEGISLATION TO AUTHORIZE US TO DO IT? THE REASON I
21 ASK THESE QUESTIONS, IF IT WEAKENS OURS, THEN WE SHOULD ONLY
22 SUPPORT IT IF IT INCLUDES THOSE STRENGTHS OF THE COUNTY
23 ORDINANCE.

24

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1 **SPEAKER:** MY UNDERSTANDING IS WE JUST NEED TO INTRODUCE A NEW
2 ORDINANCE.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHAT WE COULD DO, BOTH CAN COMPLEMENT EACH
5 OTHER, BUT THE INTENT-- BECAUSE THE LAW DOESN'T SPEAK TO SOME
6 OF THE CAMPAIGN ISSUES. ONCE THIS LAW IS PASSED, IT'S A GOOD
7 LAW THAT I FEEL WE SHOULD SUPPORT, WE'LL BE BRINGING BACK A
8 NEW ORDINANCE TO YOU THAT INCLUDES THE CAMPAIGN PROVISIONS
9 THAT ARE NOT ADDRESSED IN THIS LAW.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT ARE WE ALLOWED TO DO THAT?

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OR DOES THE STATE LAW PRE-EMPT US FROM ANY
16 STRENGTHENING?

17

18 **RICHARD WEISS, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IF
19 AND WHEN THE LAW IS ADOPTED, WE WILL HAVE TO EXAMINE ITS FINAL
20 LANGUAGE AND DETERMINE IF THERE ARE ANY AREAS OF STATE LAW
21 THAT NOW PRE-EMPT OUR ORDINANCE. WE DON'T HAVE AN ANALYSIS OF
22 THAT AT THIS POINT. BUT IF THE STATE LEGISLATES IN AN AREA
23 SPECIFICALLY AND OCCUPIES THAT FIELD, THEN WE WOULD HAVE TO
24 ANALYZE WHETHER OR NOT OUR ORDINANCE IS PRE-EMPTED. AS MR.

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1 FUJIOKA SAID, THEY CAN BE COMPLEMENTARY BUT WE HAVE TO MAKE A
2 FULL ANALYSIS.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WHY COULDN'T WE SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION IF
5 IT INCLUDES THE RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE
6 IN OUR LAW? I WOULD ASSUME BECAUSE IT'S GOOD IN OUR LAW,
7 STRENGTHENED, IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE STATE, AS WELL. FOR THE
8 OTHER 57 COUNTIES.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** YOU MEAN IN TERMS OF CHANGING THE LEGISLATION?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AMENDING. THE LEGISLATION IS GOING TO BE
13 AMENDED AS IT GOES THROUGH THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS. BUT THE
14 PROVISIONS THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN ORDINANCE WOULD BE
15 INCLUDED IN FUTURE AMENDMENTS IN THAT LEGISLATION.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** WELL MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE WOULD INTRODUCE
18 THOSE AS NEW ORDINANCES ON TOP OF WHAT THE STATE DOES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE STATE OVERRIDES OUR ABILITY TO DO
21 THESE NEW ORDINANCES, IT'S BETTER TO HAVE IT INCLUDED IN THE
22 STATE LAW WHEN IT'S SIGNED INTO LAW WITHOUT HAVING TO GO BACK
23 AND PLACE AN ORDINANCE, WHICH MAY BE PROHIBITED BECAUSE THE
24 STATE HAS PRE-EMPTED THE FIELD WITH THEIR LEGISLATION. THAT'S
25 ALL I'M SAYING.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE IS IT? IT'S NOT ON THE GOVERNOR'S
3 DESK YET, IS IT?

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** NO, IT'S NOT. WE COULD WORK WITH THE AUTHOR'S
6 OFFICE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE COULD WORK WITH THE AUTHOR'S
7 OFFICE TO PROVIDE OUR INPUT AND TO ASK THAT THE STRONGER
8 PROVISION, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO CAMPAIGN LAWS.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO WHY DON'T WE JUST AMEND OUR MOTION TO
11 SUPPORT AND WORK WITH THE AUTHOR ON COORDINATING WITH THE L.A.
12 COUNTY ORDINANCE. HOW'S THAT?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THAT WOULD BE GOOD.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS THE MAKER, I WILL CONCUR WITH THAT.
17 YOU'LL SECOND IT?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS? SO ORDERED. THANK
22 YOU.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, TOO.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL CALL UP S-1. ALL RIGHT.
4 AS THEY MOVE FORWARD, WE HAVE TO WAIT A FEW MINUTES. I WANT TO
5 CALL A FIVE-MINUTE RECESS. (RECESS HELD).

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S 11 O'CLOCK. ALL RIGHT.
8 WE WILL BEGIN THE PRESENTATION.

9

10 **JOHN COPRANIS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME STREET JOHN COPRANIS AND
11 I'M WITH VANIR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, AND I WANT TO THANK
12 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS
13 MORNING. WHAT WE ARE GOING TO PRESENT IS A LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 JAIL PLAN PHASE 2, AN ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM. THIS IS A FOLLOW
15 UP TO THE ORIGINAL JAIL PLAN WHICH WE PRESENTED IN JULY 5,
16 2013. BACK IN APRIL OF 2013, VANIR WAS ASKED TO PUT TOGETHER A
17 COMPREHENSIVE JAIL PLAN THAT DESCRIBED THE FACILITIES, CREATED
18 A PROFILE OF THE INMATES, HAD A TREND ANALYSIS OF THE NEEDS OF
19 BEDS, PRESENTED JAIL PLAN OPTIONS AS WELL AS A TIMELINE FOR
20 DELIVERY. ON JULY 5, THE JAIL PLAN WAS ACCEPTED AND VANIR WAS
21 ASKED TO PRODUCE AN ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM. CRITICAL WITHIN THE
22 INITIAL REPORT DONE TO THE BOARD WERE A FEW ITEMS THAT WERE
23 INCORPORATED INTO THE ENTIRE ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM. THOSE
24 ITEMS WERE CLOSING AND DEMOLISHING THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
25 PROVIDING APPROPRIATE FACILITIES TO TREAT THE MENTALLY ILL

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1 INMATE POPULATION, RESTORE THE TWIN TOWERS CORRECTIONAL
2 FACILITY TO HOUSING HIGHER RISK SECURITY POPULATION INMATES,
3 MORE CLOSELY ALIGN CELL AND BED TYPES WITH SECURITY RISK
4 CLASSIFICATION, AND REDUCE CROWDING WITHIN THE JAIL SYSTEM.
5 VANIR'S HERE TODAY TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF THE SECOND PHASE
6 REPORT. WITH ME ARE ROB NASH WHO IS ONE OF OUR PROJECT
7 MANAGERS, CANDY ROBERTS WHO IS ANOTHER ONE OF OUR PROJECT
8 MANAGERS AS WELL AS KEN RAY FROM R.J.S., JUSTICE SERVICES. I
9 WANT THE BOARD TO RECOGNIZE THAT THIS EFFORT WASN'T JUST
10 VANIR'S WORK. WE WORKED EXTENSIVELY WITH NUMEROUS COUNTY
11 DEPARTMENTS. AND THIS REPORT REPRESENTS A COMPREHENSIVE
12 COMPILATION OF THAT EFFORT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, COULD YOU MENTION THE DEPARTMENTS
15 YOU WORKED WITH PUBLICLY?

16

17 **JOHN COPRANIS:** YEAH, WE WORKED WITH DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
18 HEALTH, PUBLIC HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, THE SHERIFF'S
19 DEPARTMENT, AND THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE. IN OUR JULY 2013 REPORT,
20 THERE WERE FIVE OPTIONS THAT WE PRESENTED FOR YOUR
21 CONSIDERATION. AND JUST TO REFRESH QUICKLY, OPTION 1-A WAS A
22 CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL TREATMENT FACILITY DOWNTOWN AND A
23 NEW WOMAN'S FACILITY OUT AT PITCHESS DETENTION CENTER. OPTION
24 1-B WAS ALSO A C.C.T.F. DOWNTOWN AND A NEW WOMAN'S FACILITY AT
25 MIRA LOMA. OPTION 2 CONTAINED A LARGER C.C.T.F. DOWNTOWN-ONLY

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1 AND NO NEW WOMEN'S FACILITY. OPTION 3 CONTAINED A SMALLER
2 C.C.T.F. DOWNTOWN AND A C.C.T.F. OUT AT PITCHESS DETENTION
3 CENTER AND A NEW WOMEN'S FACILITY AT PITCHESS DETENTION
4 CENTER. AND OPTION 4 INCLUDED A LARGER CONSOLIDATED
5 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY DOWNTOWN AND BOTH THE PITCHES AND MIRA
6 LOMA WOMEN'S FACILITIES. BEFORE WE GET TOO MUCH FURTHER INTO
7 THE ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM, I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. SOUTHARD AND
8 MR. FORD TO TALK ABOUT THE INMATE POPULATIONS THAT WOULD BE IN
9 THE C.C.T.F. FOR TREATMENT. I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO DR.
10 SOUTHARD.

11

12 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND
13 THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING PROPOSED,
14 IT WOULD BE GOOD FIRST TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE TREATMENT
15 POPULATION CURRENTLY IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL FOR MENTAL
16 HEALTH TREATMENT IS AROUND 3700 PEOPLE. AND THOSE 3700 PEOPLE
17 ALREADY REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF EFFORT AT DIVERTING
18 PEOPLE FROM MENTAL ILLNESS FROM THE JAIL POPULATIONS. IN THE
19 CURRENT CONFIGURATION, WE ARE TRYING TO DO THE BEST WE CAN TO
20 PROVIDE THE CARE NEEDED FOR THOSE POPULATIONS, AND WE'RE
21 LIMITED IN SOME WAYS IN BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE THE BEST
22 POSSIBLE CARE BECAUSE OF THE FACILITIES IN WHICH SOME OF THAT
23 CARE IS DELIVERED. IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT
24 THERE ARE 18,000 PEOPLE IN THE JAIL. THERE ARE THE GENERAL
25 PREVALENCE FOR SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE POPULATION IS 6

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1 PERCENT. AND SO IF THE JAIL WERE JUST A GENERAL POPULATION,
2 WE'D EXPECT TO NEED TO TREAT 1,000 PEOPLE FOR SERIOUS MENTAL
3 ILLNESS THERE, BUT PEOPLE IN THE JAIL ARE AT HIGHER RISK,
4 FIRST OF ALL, BECAUSE OF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES, BECAUSE
5 OF THE HISTORY OF TRAUMA THAT THEY FACED, AND BECAUSE OF
6 POVERTY. SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE REASONS WHY THERE ARE A
7 HIGHER NEED FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT IN THE JAILS THAN
8 THERE IS IN THE GENERAL POPULATION. SO THE CONFIGURATION THAT
9 WE HAVE TRIED TO PROPOSE IS A CONFIGURATION THAT WOULD MIRROR
10 WHAT WE OFFER TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. SO THE 60 BEDS, MENTAL
11 HEALTH CRISIS BEDS, ARE LIKE INPATIENT BEDS THAT WE PROVIDE AT
12 COUNTY S.C. OR ANY OF THE OTHER HOSPITALS. THEY ARE MEANT FOR
13 SHORT-TERM STAYS. THE INTENSIVE CARE BEDS ARE MEANT TO BE FOR
14 LONGER-TERM CHRONIC CARE. BUT WE ARE TRYING TO DO THAT IN A
15 WAY THAT IS FLEXIBLE. THEY'RE CREATED IN 50 BED MODULES
16 BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THERE MAY BE SOME NEED FOR CHRONIC CARE
17 FOR MENTAL ILLNESS. BUT ALSO THE NEED FOR THE TREATMENT OF
18 TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND DEMENTIA. SO THE IDEA FOR THESE
19 BEDS IS THAT THEY WOULD BE FLEXIBLE AND USED AS NECESSARY. AND
20 ALSO THAT THEY BE ABLE TO BE LICENSED AS INPATIENT BEDS IN
21 CASE THE MECHANISMS FOR FEDERAL FUNDING CHANGE. AND THERE IS
22 AN OPPORTUNITY TO DRAW DOWN FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LICENSED BED
23 THAT DOESN'T CURRENTLY EXIST. THE HIGH OBSERVATION BEDS ARE
24 LIKE THE FULL SERVICE PARTNERSHIPS THAT WE OFFER IN THE
25 COMMUNITY, A KIND OF A WRAP-AROUND OF SERVICES. AND THE STEP

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1 DOWN BEDS ARE AKIN TO GENERAL OUTPATIENT TREATMENT THAT PEOPLE
2 RECEIVE AT CLINICS. SO THE IDEA FOR THIS IS TO PROVIDE A FULL
3 SPECTRUM OF SERVICES TO THIS COMMUNITY THAT EXISTS IN THE JAIL
4 AS WE WOULD TO A COMMUNITY THAT EXISTS OUTSIDE THE JAIL
5 SETTING. ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT ALL OF THESE
6 PROJECTIONS, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE NEED WILL REALLY BE. BUT
7 THEY TAKE PLACE IN THE CONTEXT OF ASSUMING THAT WE ARE
8 INVESTING SIGNIFICANTLY IN A DIVERSION PROGRAM AND TAKE
9 OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOME OF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT ISSUES
10 THAT WE WILL TALK ABOUT NOW.

11

12 **WESLEY FORD:** YES. I'D JUST LIKE TO PUT IN A LITTLE CONTEXT
13 WHAT THE ISSUES ARE WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN THE PRISON SYSTEM.
14 WE KNOW APPROXIMATELY--

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, FOR THE PUBLIC, COULD YOU IDENTIFY
17 YOURSELF, PLEASE? FOR THE PUBLIC?

18

19 **WESLEY FORD:** SORRY. WESLEY FORD WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
20 HEALTH. SO APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF ALL INDIVIDUALS IN
21 PRISON CURRENTLY MEET THE CRITERIA FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR
22 DEPENDENCY, AND YET ONLY ABOUT 15 PERCENT RECEIVE SERVICES AT
23 THIS POINT WITHIN THE PRISON SYSTEM OR THE JAIL SYSTEM. ALSO,
24 ILLEGAL DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE PLACES INDIVIDUALS AT AN
25 INCREASED RISK OF RE-ARREST AND REINCARCERATION WITHIN THE

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1 FIRST YEAR AFTER RELEASE. BUT ONE-FIFTH OR 20 PERCENT OF MEN
2 AND 25 PERCENT OF WOMEN WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE RETURN TO PRISONS
3 COMPARED TO-- THAT HAVE MENTAL OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES--
4 COMPARED TO 12 PERCENT OF MEN AND 9 PERCENT OF WOMEN WHO DON'T
5 HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES. SO YOU CAN SEE THAT THE TREATMENT
6 OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE WHILE IN JAIL IS AN IMPORTANT SERVICE THAT
7 REDUCES RECIDIVISM AMONG JAIL INMATES. LIKE DR. SOUTHARD SAID,
8 FOR THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS, WE HAVE SORT OF THREE
9 LEVELS OF CARE THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED. FIRST WITH THE LOW
10 INTENSITY, THE SECOND WITH MEDIUM INTENSITY AND THIRD WITH A
11 HIGH INTENSITY. THE INMATES THAT ARE IN THE FIRST LEVEL WITH
12 THE LOW INTENSITY HAVE THE LEAST SEVERE S.U.D. PROBLEMS
13 COMPARED TO LEVELS 1, 2 AND 3 AND HAVE GREATER SOCIAL SUPPORT
14 SYSTEMS AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM. AND THE TREATMENT
15 DURATION FOR THIS GROUP WOULD BE 60 DAYS. AND THAT REPRESENTS
16 THE 200 BEDS FOR THE LOW INTENSITY. THE SECOND LEVEL OF
17 INTENSITY PROVIDES A HIGHER LEVEL OF TREATMENT IN A STRUCTURED
18 RECOVERY ENVIRONMENT. IT'S COMBINED WITH CLINICAL SERVICES TO
19 SUPPORT RECOVERY FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS. AND THE
20 INMATES SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER IS HIGHER AND THE LEVEL OF
21 IMPAIRMENT IS MORE INTENSE WHERE EDUCATION OR RELAPSE
22 PREVENTION STRATEGIES ARE NOT FEASIBLE OR EFFECTIVE. THE
23 FUNCTIONAL DEFICITS OF THIS LEVEL ARE PRIMARILY COGNITIVE AND
24 CAN BE EITHER TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT. AND WHEN THE ASSESSMENT
25 IS DONE THAT INDICATES THE INMATE IS NO LONGER COGNITIVELY

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1 IMPAIRED, THEY WILL EITHER BE TRANSFERRED TO MORE INTENSIVE OR
2 LESS INTENSIVE CARE DEPENDING UPON WHETHER THEY NEED TO BE
3 STEPPED UP OR STEPPED DOWN. AND THE TREATMENT FOR THE 150 BEDS
4 IS FOR 90 DAYS. THEN THE FINAL LEVEL, THE THIRD LEVEL, THE
5 INTENSITY, IS 150 BEDS, AND IT'S DESIGNED TO TREAT INMATES WHO
6 HAVE SIGNIFICANT PSYCHOSOCIAL NEEDS AND REQUIRE A SAFE
7 ENVIRONMENT TO STABILIZE AS THEY NEED INTENSIVE TREATMENT AND
8 INTENSIVE RECOVERY PROGRAMS. THE GOALS OF THIS LEVEL ARE TO
9 TREAT SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR THAT
10 AFFECT GLOBAL CHANGE IN THE INMATES' LIFESTYLES, THEIR
11 ATTITUDES AND VALUES. APPROPRIATE INMATES FOR THIS LEVEL HAVE
12 SUBSTANCE AND RELATED DISORDERS, CRIMINAL ACTIVITY,
13 PSYCHOLOGICAL DISORDERS, IMPAIRED FUNCTIONING, AND ARE
14 DISASSOCIATED WITH MAINSTREAM VALUES. THESE INMATES HAVE
15 SERIOUS AND PERSISTENT PROBLEMS SUCH AS SCHIZOPHRENIA, BIPOLAR
16 DISORDERS AND MAJOR DEPRESSION OR PERSONALITY DISORDERS. AND
17 THIS IS WHERE WE WOULD PARTNER WITH MENTAL HEALTH TO ENSURE
18 THAT THEY WERE GETTING DUAL SERVICES FOR THEIR CARE.

19

20 **CANDACE ROBERTS:** SO THE OTHER TREATMENT POPULATION THAT'S ALSO
21 INCLUDED IN THIS BUILDING ARE MEDICAL OUTPATIENT SPECIALTY
22 HOUSING. THIS IS A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS THAT YOU CURRENTLY
23 HAVE IN THE INFIRMARY AT M.C.J. THESE PATIENTS ARE INDIVIDUALS
24 THAT HAVE A MEDICAL OR MOBILITY ISSUE THAT PREVENTS THEM FROM

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1 BEING HOUSED WITHIN THE GENERAL POPULATION. THEY REQUIRE SOME
2 ADDITIONAL NURSING CARE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** COULD YOU IDENTIFY YOURSELF?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** COULD YOU IDENTIFY YOURSELF, PLEASE? YOU
7 GOT INTRODUCED EARLIER.

8

9 **CANDACE ROBERTS:** MY NAME IS CANDACE ROBERTS WITH VANIR.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FOR EVERYONE, JUST SO THE PUBLIC IS
12 AWARE OF THAT, AS WELL.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS WELL AS THE BOARD.

15

16 **CANDACE ROBERTS:** SO THIS POPULATION DOESN'T REQUIRE ONGOING
17 DOCTOR CARE OR INPATIENT CARE, BUT THEY DO REQUIRE SOME
18 NURSING ASSISTANCE ON A CONTINUAL BASIS. THEY WOULD BE PEOPLE
19 IN WHEELCHAIRS, FOR EXAMPLE. THEY MIGHT BE SOMEONE THAT IS
20 DIABETIC OR HAS SIMILAR SORTS OF ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE
21 MONITORED ON A DAILY BASIS. SO THAT'S THE COMPLEMENT OF THE
22 TREATMENT PROGRAM OR THE TREATMENT POPULATIONS THAT ARE WITHIN
23 THIS BUILDING. SO I'D LIKE TO GO ON NOW AND TALK TO YOU A
24 LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT THE ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAMMING PROCESS IS
25 ABOUT AND WHAT WE'VE PRODUCED FOR YOU AND THEN MOVE ON INTO

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1 SOME OF THE GOALS AND THE OBJECTIVES. SO THE ARCHITECTURAL
2 PROGRAMMING PROCESS IS A FACILITATED PROCESS. WE ARE
3 FUNCTIONING TO HELP DRAW OUT THE INFORMATION FROM THE VARIOUS
4 DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE INVOLVED, WHICH WERE TALKED ABOUT
5 PREVIOUSLY. IT'S AN ITERATIVE PROCESS. IT BEGINS WITH GOAL
6 SETTING TO ESTABLISH WHAT FROM A MANAGEMENT OR AN
7 ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL THE PRIMARY GOALS WILL BE FOR THE
8 PROJECT. THEN MOVES ON TO TALK TO A MULTITUDE OF VARIOUS USER
9 GROUPS WHO ARE THE SPECIALISTS FOR THEIR PARTICULAR AREAS. SO
10 THAT WOULD INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
11 INDIVIDUALS, BUT IT ALSO INCLUDES THOSE PEOPLE WHO REPRESENT
12 JAIL FUNCTIONS, JAIL MANAGEMENT, DIFFERENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS,
13 THE CLINICAL SPACES WITHIN THE FACILITY, AND ALL OF THOSE
14 INDIVIDUALS. WE MEET WITH THOSE FOLKS SEVERAL DIFFERENT TIMES.
15 WE START OUT COLLECTING INFORMATION FROM THEM. WE GO AWAY, WE
16 COMPILE IT. WE BRING IT BACK TO TEST IT AGAINST WHAT WE HEARD
17 TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY AGREE THAT WE'RE DOCUMENTING IT
18 APPROPRIATELY. THEN THE PROCESS MOVES THROUGH SEVERAL REVIEWS.
19 SO WE START OUT WITH MANAGEMENT OF THE DIFFERENT FUNCTIONAL
20 AREAS THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO. IT MOVED UP TO A
21 DEPARTMENTAL LEVEL SO THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT REVIEWED
22 WHAT THEY WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR, AND THEN MOVED UP TO A
23 COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF EVERYBODY'S DIFFERENT COMPONENTS. THE
24 NET RESULT OF THIS WAS AN ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM. YOU RECEIVED
25 IT IN YOUR OFFICES ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO. IT'S A 10-VOLUME SET.

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1 THE FIRST VOLUME INCLUDES THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY. AND ALSO SOME
2 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION THAT TALKS ABOUT THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS
3 AND THE OPERATIONAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS
4 THAT WILL BE IN THE BUILDING. VOLUME 2 THROUGH 5 ARE THE SPACE
5 PROGRAMS FOR EACH OF THE INDIVIDUAL OPTIONS. SO EACH OPTION
6 HAD A VOLUME OF THE INDIVIDUAL SPACES THAT WERE GOING TO BE
7 REQUIRED FOR THAT FUNCTION IN THAT OPTION. THERE'S ANOTHER
8 VOLUME 6 THAT INCLUDES A LOT OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION. IT HAS
9 ADJACENCY DIAGRAMS, ROOM DATA SHEETS, DESIGN AND SECURITY
10 GUIDELINES THAT ARE THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF HOW THE
11 ARCHITECTS WILL NEED TO COMPILE ALL OF THIS DATA INTO A
12 BUILDING. THE ADJACENCY DIAGRAMS HELP THE ORGANIZATION ASPECT.
13 ROOM DATA SHEETS ARE GIVEN SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR INDIVIDUAL
14 ROOMS SUCH AS FINISHES, MECHANICAL SYSTEMS, A.V. SYSTEMS,
15 THINGS LIKE THAT. THE 7TH VOLUME WAS FOR MIRA LOMA. IT
16 INCLUDED EVERYTHING THAT WAS NECESSARY FOR THAT ARCHITECTURAL
17 PROGRAM AS A STAND-ALONE VOLUME. WE DID THAT BECAUSE OF THE
18 FACT THAT MIRA LOMA IS MOVING ON A DIFFERENT TRACK THAN THE
19 C.C.T.F. WILL BE. WE WANTED YOU TO BE ABLE TO TAKE THAT VOLUME
20 AND BE ABLE TO HAND IT OFF TO THE ARCHITECTS SO THAT THEY CAN
21 BEGIN WORK RIGHT AWAY. THEN THERE ARE THREE SETS OF APPENDICES
22 THAT GO ALONG WITH THIS. THE FIRST APPENDICES INCLUDES THE
23 BOARD MOTIONS AS WELL AS THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND SCHEDULES
24 AND THE OPERATIONAL COSTS. THE SECOND INCLUDES THE TREATMENT
25 PROGRAMS FROM MENTAL HEALTH, FROM THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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1 DISORDERS. IT ALSO INCLUDES THE MEDICAL SERVICES BUREAU FOR
2 THE CLINICS AND THE E.B.I. PROGRAMS FOR THE EDUCATION. IT ALSO
3 INCLUDES AN ANALYSIS THAT RAY HERE DID WHEN HE CAME AND TALKED
4 TO THE DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS ABOUT THE TREATMENT PROGRAMS THAT
5 THEY WERE GOING TO BE OFFERING. SO AGAIN THESE WERE THE GROUPS
6 WE WORKED WITH, INDIVIDUALS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,
7 FROM DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AS WELL AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICE. SO DURING THE PROGRAMMING PROCESS, THERE WERE A NUMBER
10 OF ISSUES THAT WERE CONTINUALLY BROUGHT TO THE FOREFRONT BY
11 ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES. FIRST AND
12 FOREMOST IS TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH M.C.J. THE SECOND ISSUE WAS
13 WHAT DO YOU DO WITH THE INMATE POPULATION ONCE YOU DO THAT?
14 AND IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE VERY BEGINNING OF DISCUSSIONS WITH
15 EVERYBODY THAT THE POPULATIONS THAT NEEDED TO BE ADDRESSED
16 WERE PEOPLE WHO REQUIRED SPECIALTY TREATMENT. THAT WOULD BE
17 THE MENTAL HEALTH, THE SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS AND THE
18 M.O.S.H. PARTICULARLY. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHAT EVERYONE WAS
19 INTERESTED IN DOING WAS PROVIDING AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO
20 BOTH TREATMENT AND TO MANAGEMENT OF THE INMATES. SO THAT
21 INCLUDES THAT AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD COME IN MAY HAVE MENTAL
22 HEALTH ISSUES, THEY MAY HAVE SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES. THEY
23 FREQUENTLY WILL HAVE MEDICAL ISSUES THAT ARE RELATED TO THOSE.
24 SO TO LOOK AT A WRAP-AROUND SERVICE THAT WILL TREAT THE WHOLE
25 INDIVIDUAL WITH ALL OF THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY MAY HAVE AS WELL

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1 AS LOOKING AT HOW THEY RE-INTEGRATE INTO THE COMMUNITY THROUGH
2 RE-ENTRY. ANOTHER ISSUE THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE WAS
3 FLEXIBILITY. WE'RE PROJECTING POPULATIONS, BUT BY THE TIME
4 THIS GETS BUILT IN 10 OR 20 YEARS OUT FROM THAT, THE
5 POPULATION MIX MAY BE DIFFERENT, THE NEEDS MAY BE DIFFERENT.
6 SO WE'VE LOOKED FOR WAYS TO MAKE THE BUILDING AS FLEXIBLE AS
7 POSSIBLE BOTH AS THE PROGRAMS EVOLVE OVER TIME AND AS THE
8 POPULATIONS SHIFT OVER TIME. ANOTHER CRITICAL ELEMENT WAS THE
9 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO MAKE SURE
10 THAT WHAT WE WERE PLANNING WOULD ALLOW THE HIGH OBSERVATION
11 HOUSING POPULATION TO CONFORM WITH THE TREATMENT PROGRAMS THAT
12 ARE PART OF THAT MEMO OF AGREEMENT. WE ALSO LOOKED AT
13 ACCESSIBILITY. WE KNOW THAT THAT'S AN ISSUE BECAUSE MANY OF
14 THE FACILITIES ARE OLDER AND DON'T HAVE THE REQUIREMENTS THAT
15 WILL ALLOW THEM TO MEET THAT. AND ALSO WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE
16 THAT WE SCATTERED ACCESSIBLE HOUSING THROUGH ALL OF THE
17 HOUSING AREAS AND ALL OF THE TREATMENT PROGRAMS SO THAT NO ONE
18 WOULD BE PREVENTED FROM PARTICIPATING IN A TREATMENT PROGRAM
19 BECAUSE OF A DISABILITY. THE LAST THING THAT WAS REALLY
20 IMPORTANT WAS TO BRING AS MANY TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
21 TO AN INMATE AT THEIR HOUSING INSTEAD OF HAVING TO MOVE THEM
22 AWAY. THAT MAKES IT MORE EFFICIENT FOR THE STAFF. IT MAKES IT
23 POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE TREATMENT AT DIFFERENT TIMES AND IN
24 DIFFERENT WAYS THAN IF YOU HAVE TO MOVE THEM AROUND.

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1 **ROB NASH:** I DIDN'T INTRODUCE MYSELF, I APOLOGIZE. ROB NASH
2 WITH VANIR. IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAMMING EFFORT FOR THE
3 C.C.T.F., WE WERE ALSO TASKED WITH DEVELOPING ARCHITECTURAL
4 PROGRAM FOR THE MODERNIZATION AND CONVERSION OF MIRA LOMA TO A
5 FACILITY FOR FEMALE INMATES. THERE WERE OVERARCHING GOALS
6 ESTABLISHED FOR THAT PROJECT, AS WELL. THE GOALS WERE TO PLAN
7 A REHABILITATIVE FACILITY, A FACILITY THAT WOULD ASSIST
8 INMATES IN BEING ABLE TO BE PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE
9 COMMUNITY UPON RELEASE. PROVIDING AGENDA-RESPONSIVE FACILITIES
10 TO FEMALE INMATES. SOME OF THAT IS IN THE FACILITIES AND SOME
11 OF THAT ARE IN THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING OPERATED. PLANNING
12 A CAMPUS-STYLE FACILITY, WHICH IS REALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE
13 CURRENT LAYOUT OF MIRA LOMA. PLAN TO INTEGRATE INMATE
14 EDUCATION, VOCATIONAL TRAINING TREATMENT, CUSTODY MANAGEMENT
15 AND RE-ENTRY INTO ONE FACILITY. AND TO PROVIDE A RANGE OF
16 HOUSING TYPES BASED ON INMATE NEED, RISKS AND BEHAVIOR. AND SO
17 THOSE WERE THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO DEVELOPING THE
18 ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM FOR MIRA LOMA. IN GOING THROUGH THIS
19 ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAMMING PROCESS FOR EACH OF THESE
20 FACILITIES, THERE WERE SOME ITEMS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED THAT
21 CHANGED OR AFFECTED SOME OF THE OPTIONS AS THEY WERE DEVELOPED
22 IN THE FIRST PHASE. ONE OF THE CHANGES WAS THAT WHEN WE DID
23 OUR FIRST PHASE REPORT TO YOU, THE A.B.900 GRANT OF \$100
24 MILLION FOR THE WOMEN'S FACILITY WAS LOCATED AT THE PITCHES
25 SITE. DURING OUR SECOND PHASE OF WORK, THAT GRANT WAS

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1 TRANSFERRED BY THE COUNTY THROUGH THE B.S.C.C. OVER TO THE
2 MIRA LOMA SITE. AS PART OF THAT TRANSFER, THE CAPACITY OF MIRA
3 LOMA WAS INCREASED FROM 1040 BEDS TO 1604 BEDS. SO THAT
4 ADDITIONAL 500 PLUS BEDS AFFECTS SOME OF THE OPTIONS, TO SOME
5 DEGREE. ANOTHER CHANGE, IN OUR ORIGINAL REPORT TO YOU, WE HAD
6 IDENTIFIED A SITE TO THE NORTH OF M.C.J. AS THE PRIMARY SITE
7 AND AN ALTERNATE SITE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF M.C.J. DURING THE
8 PROGRAMMING PROCESS, AS WE BEGAN TO SEE HOW THE BUILDING WAS
9 LAYING OUT IN TERMS OF SIZES OF FUNCTIONS AND COMPONENTS, IT
10 BECAME CLEAR TO US THAT THAT ORIGINAL SITE WAS GOING TO BE
11 PROBLEMATIC IN TERMS OF ACCOMMODATING THE NUMBER OF BEDS PER
12 FLOOR WHILE STILL MAINTAINING ACCESS TO CERTAIN FUNCTIONS
13 WITHIN M.C.J. THAT HAD TO REMAIN IN OPERATION DURING
14 CONSTRUCTION. THOSE FUNCTIONS IN M.C.J. INCLUDE COURT LINED
15 ACCESS TO THE PHYSICAL PLANT AND SOME OTHER FUNCTIONS. SO WE
16 BEGAN TO LOOK MORE AT THE SITE TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF M.C.J. IT
17 WAS LARGER AND ALLOWED MORE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES AS WELL
18 AS ALLOWING THE OPERATIONS AT M.C.J. THAT NEEDED TO BE
19 MAINTAINED TO BE ABLE TO BE MAINTAINED THROUGH CONSTRUCTION.
20 AND THE THIRD THING THAT CHANGED WAS THE CONSIDERATION OF
21 MULTIPLE TOWERS, OR TWO TOWERS INSTEAD OF A SINGLE TOWER,
22 C.C.T.F. AGAIN, AS A RESULT OF UNDERSTANDING, THROUGH THE
23 PROGRAMMING PROCESS, THE SIZE OF THE FACILITY, IT BECAME CLEAR
24 THAT THE BUILDING WAS GOING TO BE TALLER THAN ORIGINALLY
25 ENVISIONED, AND LOOKING AT A TWO-TOWER SCHEME ALLOWED US TO

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1 CONSIDER BUILDINGS THAT WERE MORE ABOUT THE HEIGHT OF TWIN
2 TOWERS AS THEY EXIST TODAY. SO, LOOKING BACK AT THE ORIGINAL
3 OPTIONS AND THE OPTIONS AS THEY'RE UPDATED BASED ON EITHER
4 ROUNDING OFF OF INMATE POPULATIONS OR THE ADDITION OF THE BEDS
5 AT MIRA LOMA, OPTION 1-A IS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE IT
6 WAS. THERE ARE SOME MINOR CHANGES BECAUSE OF USING
7 STANDARDIZED HOUSING UNIT SIZES MEANT THAT WE HAD TO ROUND OFF
8 SOME OF THE NUMBERS. SO OPTION 1-A IN THE FINAL VERSION, IN
9 THE ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM, IS 25 BEDS SMALLER AT 2,645 BEDS.
10 OPTION 1-B GREW BY A LITTLE BIT OVER 500 BEDS BECAUSE OF THE
11 ADDITION OF THE BEDS AT MIRA LOMA. OPTION 2 IS AROUND THE SAME
12 SIZE, ABOUT 75 BEDS SMALLER, AGAIN DUE TO ROUNDING. OPTION 3
13 IS 35 BEDS LARGER DUE TO ROUNDING. AND OPTION 4 AGAIN GROWS BY
14 500 PLUS BEDS BECAUSE OF THE INCREASE IN BEDS AT MIRA LOMA.
15 YOU CAN SEE THAT THE TWO LARGEST OPTIONS IN TERMS OF NUMBER OF
16 BEDS NOW ARE 1-A AND 4-- I'M SORRY, 1-B AND 4, WHICH BOTH
17 CONTAIN MIRA LOMA. THE ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COSTS BASED ON
18 THE ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAMMING EFFORT IN WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO
19 DEVELOP A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIZE OF THE BUILDING AND
20 THE SIZES OF INDIVIDUAL AREAS WITHIN THE BUILDING, OPTION 1-A
21 IS 1.97 BILLION. 1-B, 1.47 BILLION. 2, 2.18-- I'M SORRY? OH,
22 I'M SORRY. 1.74 BILLION. OPTION 2 AT 2.18 BILLION. OPTION 3 AT
23 2.09 BILLION. AND OPTION 4 AT 2.32 BILLION. THOSE ESTIMATES
24 ARE ALL FOR A SINGLE TOWER. WE LOOKED AT A TWO-TOWER SCENARIO
25 FOR OPTION 1-B. AND BASED ON ADDITIONAL ESCALATION AND

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1 INFLATION AND FOUNDATION COSTS, THE COST OF THAT OPTION,
2 OPTION 1-B WITH TWO TOWERS, WERE ESTIMATED AT 1.98 BILLION.
3 THE CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE AT MIRA LOMA WOULD BE COMPLETE AT
4 THE END OF 2017 AND OCCUPANCY IN EARLY 2018. AND THOSE DATES
5 ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE DATES CONTAINED IN THE A.B.900 GRANT
6 REQUIREMENTS. A SINGLE TOWER C.C.T.F. WOULD BE COMPLETED IN
7 THE MID PART OF 2021. IN A TWO-TOWER OPTION, THE FIRST TOWER
8 WOULD BE COMPLETE IN THE MIDDLE OF 2020 AND THE SECOND TOWER
9 IN THE MIDDLE OF 2024. ADDITIONAL OPERATING FUNDS REQUIRED,
10 AND THESE ARE FUNDS IN EXCESS OF THE CURRENT 243 MILLION TODAY
11 AND OPTION 1-A, 162 MILLION, 1-B, 213 MILLION, 2, 199 MILLION,
12 OPTION 3, 187 MILLION. AND OPTION 4 IS 300 MILLION. SOME OF
13 THE BENEFITS THAT THE COUNTY COULD EXPECT IF IT WERE TO MOVE
14 FORWARD WITH THE C.C.T.F. AND MIRA LOMA WOULD BE THE ABILITY
15 TO CLOSE AND DEMOLISH MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. AND NOT HAVE TO
16 CONTINUE TO BEAR THE BURDEN OF THE AGING INFRASTRUCTURE AND
17 THE OLD-STYLE DESIGN OF THAT FACILITY. THE C.C.T.F. IS PLANNED
18 FOR FLEXIBILITY AND TO ADAPT TO CHANGES IN INMATE POPULATIONS
19 AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS, SO IT SHOULD BE A FACILITY THAT WILL
20 BE OF GOOD SERVICE TO THE COUNTY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THE
21 C.C.T.F. IS DESIGNED AROUND A WRAP-AROUND DESIGN TO SERVICES
22 TO TREAT THE WHOLE INMATE, REDUCE RISK TO THE COUNTY AND
23 RECIDIVISM BASED UPON TREATMENT, AND IMPROVED WORKING
24 ENVIRONMENT FOR STAFF BOTH IN TERMS OF PROFESSIONAL
25 RECRUITMENT OF STAFF AND THE ENVIRONMENT FOR CUSTODY STAFF.

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1 AND THE UPGRADES AT MIRA LOMA, WITH THE V.F.C.C. GRANT OF \$100
2 MILLION, MEANS THAT THE NET COST TO THE COUNTY FOR THAT 1600
3 BEDS WOULD BE ABOUT \$20 MILLION. AT THIS POINT I'D LIKE TO
4 TURN IT OVER TO KEN RAY WITH R.J.S. JUSTICE SERVICES WHO WERE
5 BROUGHT IN TO ASSESS THE TREATMENT PROGRAMS THAT WERE
6 DEVELOPED BY THE VARIOUS COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS TO
7 REVIEW THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT AND ADVISE US ON HOW THESE
8 PROGRAMS STACK UP AGAINST OTHERS IN THE COUNTRY AND HOW THEY
9 COMPARED TO THE REQUIREMENTS.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I INTERRUPT YOU FOR ONE SECOND? I JUST
12 HAVE A PROCEDURAL THING. THE PACKAGE THAT WE WERE ALL GIVEN,
13 AT LEAST MARK AND I, HAVE TWO SETS OF THE FIRST HALF. SO THE
14 STUFF THAT'S BEING SHOWN UP HERE IS NOT-- COULD WE GET IT?
15 COULD WE GET IT FIXED? THANK YOU. SORRY ABOUT THAT. IF YOU
16 COULD JUST HOLD FOR A SECOND SO WE COULD FOLLOW YOU. SO WHAT
17 ARE YOU SAYING, SACHI? DO YOU HAVE TWO SETS OF THE SAME THING
18 BUT IT'S THE WHOLE THING?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** DON'T TRY THAT AGAIN.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THE SCREEN THAT HE'S ON NOW IS PAGE 22?
23 ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. APOLOGIZE FOR THAT.

24

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU KNOW IT DOESN'T TAKE TOO MUCH TO
2 CONFUSE ME. YEAH, WHOEVER SAID THEY KNOW, COME UP HERE AND
3 TALK TO ME ABOUT IT. COME RIGHT UP HERE.

4

5 **ROB NASH:** SO I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO KEN RAY.

6

7 **KENNETH RAY:** GOOD MORNING. I'M KENNETH RAY. AND MYSELF AND DR.
8 RONALD SHANSKI WHO WAS NOT AVAILABLE TODAY WERE CALLED IN TO
9 TAKE A LOOK AT THE PROGRAMMATIC EFFICACY OF WHAT'S BEING
10 PROPOSED BY THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS. WE DID SO. AND WE WERE
11 SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO GIVE AN OPINION ON, ONE, WHETHER OR NOT
12 WHAT WAS BEING PROPOSED WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE EVIDENCE AND
13 LITERATURE AND BEST PRACTICES OF CONTEMPORARY CORRECTIONS AND
14 INTEGRATED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, WHICH INCLUDES MENTAL HEALTH AND
15 SUBSTANCE ABUSE. WE WERE ALSO ASKED TO COMPARE WHAT WAS BEING
16 PROPOSED HERE TO YOUR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. DR. SHANSKI
17 AND I ARE BOTH FEDERAL COURT MONITORS, SO WE BOTH HAVE A LOT
18 OF EXPERIENCE MONITORING PRISON JAIL SYSTEMS THROUGHOUT THE
19 COUNTRY, THE DOC A LOT MORE THAN I. WE ALSO LOOKED AT WHAT WAS
20 BEING PROPOSED FROM FOUR DIMENSIONS. WE'RE BOTH EXPERIENCED
21 CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATORS. WE'RE BOTH LICENSED HEALTHCARE
22 PROVIDERS. WE ARE TOPIC EXPERTS WITH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
23 CORRECTIONS AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE NATIONAL COMMISSION
24 ON CORRECTIONAL HEALTHCARE FOR BEST PRACTICES IN HEALTHCARE
25 AND CORRECTIONS, AND THEN AGAIN AS FEDERAL MONITORS. SO WE PUT

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1 ALL OF OUR HATS ON AT ONCE AND LOOKED AT THIS FROM THOSE
2 DIFFERENT VIEWS TO RENDER AN OPINION. WE MET WITH-- WE CAME
3 OUT WITH ONE SITE VISIT. WE MET FOR FOUR DAYS WITH THE TEAMS
4 FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, THE
5 MEDICAL BUREAU, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND WE
6 WERE STRUCK-- IMPRESSED, I THINK, IS A BETTER WORD, WITH THE
7 UNIQUE GRAVITY OF THE INTEGRATIVE APPROACH THAT YOU'VE TAKEN
8 TO PUT THIS PLAN TOGETHER. AND THAT'S RARE. A C.C.T.F. IN
9 ITSELF IS NOT RARE. THEY'RE RELATIVELY NEW THROUGHOUT THE
10 COUNTRY. DR. SHANSKI AND I WORKED ON SEVERAL OF THESE
11 PROJECTS, COOK COUNTY, DALLAS COUNTY, SEVERAL OTHERS, WHO HAVE
12 ACTIVATED THESE SORT OF PROGRAMS. BUT WHAT YOU'RE DOING HERE,
13 OR AT LEAST THE PLANNING PROCESS THAT YOU ENGAGED HERE WAS
14 QUITE IMPRESSIVE SIMPLY BECAUSE IT WAS SUCH AN INTEGRATIVE
15 APPROACH THAT ORIGINATED FROM TAKING A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR
16 POPULATION AS WELL AS FOCUSING IN ON THE SCIENCE OF THIS
17 PRACTICE AND DISCIPLINE. SO, FROM THAT, WE ALSO TOURED YOUR
18 TWO FACILITIES, MEN'S CENTRAL AND WE TOURED THE TWIN TOWERS.
19 WE COLLECTED ALL OF THE DOCUMENTS. THE VARIOUS OFFICIALS AND
20 DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECTS WERE VERY GRACIOUS TO
21 GIVE US ALL THE DOCUMENTS WE ASKED FOR. WE THEN TOOK-- AND
22 LOOKING AT THOSE WE COULD TELL THAT EVERYONE HAS DONE THEIR
23 HOMEWORK. I MEAN, YOU'VE DONE TREMENDOUS RESEARCH TO BE SURE
24 THAT WHAT YOU'RE PROPOSING IS AT THE EDGE OF THE LITERATURE
25 AND WHAT WORKS FOR THESE AREAS FOR OFFENDERS AND INMATES. WE

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1 THEN EXAMINED THOSE DOCUMENTS. WE THEN DID A DELIBERATE SEARCH
2 OF THE LITERATURE. ONE OF THE THINGS WE WERE ASKED TO DO WE
3 COULDN'T DO WAS TO COMPARE WHAT YOU'RE PROPOSING TO WHAT OTHER
4 JAILS ARE DOING. WE COULDN'T DRILL IT DOWN THAT DEEP BECAUSE
5 CURRENTLY JAIL SYSTEMS AREN'T PUBLISHING WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO
6 THE LEVEL OF WHAT YOU'RE PROPOSING. SOME OF THEM DO DO THAT
7 BUT THEY'RE JUST NOT PUBLISHING IT. SO, RATHER, WHAT WE DID
8 WAS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT I THINK FOUR FACILITIES
9 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TWO VERY LARGE JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE
10 DOING THIS-- COOK COUNTY JUST OPENED THEIRS. DALLAS WILL OPEN
11 THEIRS NEXT YEAR-- TO KIND OF GIVE SOME INSIGHT. AND BECAUSE
12 WE WERE BOTH INVOLVED IN THOSE PROJECTS, WE KNOW SORT OF
13 INTERNALLY HOW THEY WENT ABOUT DOING THIS, WHICH IS WHAT GAVE
14 US SORT OF AN IMPRESSION OF HOW UNIQUE IT IS THAT YOU GUYS
15 STARTED WITH THE INTEGRATIVE PLANNING APPROACH TO THIS. WE
16 THEN SEARCHED THE WEBSITES. WE SEARCHED THE LITERATURE. WE
17 ALSO SHARED OUR OWN PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES AND CONSULTATIONS
18 WITH OTHERS. AND THE STATEMENT ABOVE IS WHAT IS RIGHT OUT OF
19 THE REPORT. MAYBE THOSE ARE THE TWO SALIENT STATEMENTS OR
20 CONCLUSIONS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE AFTER 142 PAGES OF
21 WRITING. THE REPORT ALSO INCLUDES A HEALTHY ANNOTATED
22 BIBLIOGRAPHY IN THE BACK OF ALL THE RESEARCH THAT'S OUT THERE,
23 EVEN RESEARCH WE DIDN'T CITE FOR ANY FORWARD MOVEMENT THAT
24 YOU'LL BE DOING AFTER THIS. OUR CONCLUSION, I GUESS ONE OF THE
25 CONCLUSIONS, SALIENT CONCLUSIONS, REGARDING THE M.O.U-- AND WE

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1 EXAMINED THIS CLOSELY. WE'RE BOTH, LIKE I SAY, WE'RE BOTH
2 MONITORS. AND WE BOTH WORK WITH THE MONITORS HERE ON DIFFERENT
3 CASES. AND WHAT YOU'RE CONTEMPLATING HERE, WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING
4 AT AND STUDYING IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING THAT'S AT I WOULDN'T
5 SAY TIP OF THE SWORD BUT IT'S AT THE EDGE OF CONTEMPORARY
6 CORRECTIONS. AND LIKE SOME OF THE OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE
7 CHANGING THE PARADIGM OF WHAT JAIL IS, BECAUSE WHEN WE THINK
8 OF WHAT JAIL IS, I'M ALSO A RETIRED POLICE OFFICER, WE THINK
9 OF JUST CUFF AND STUFF. AND THE PARADIGM SHIFT IS, YEAH, WE
10 HAVE TO HAVE JUSTICE, WE HAVE TO HAVE A MEASURE OF PUNISHMENT,
11 BUT THOSE FOLKS WILL ALWAYS COME BACK OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY,
12 AND ARE WE GOING TO DO SOMETHING THAT'S LIKELY TO REDUCE THE
13 CHANCES THEY'RE GOING TO VICTIMIZE? AND WHAT I LEARNED AS A
14 CORRECTIONS DIRECTOR IN WASHINGTON WAS, IF YOU REALLY WANT TO
15 PUNISH AN OFFENDER, MAKE HIM A TAXPAYER. SO TO THAT END, IF
16 YOU CAN PUT TOGETHER, AS THIS PLAN PROPOSES, A WELLNESS
17 APPROACH THAT PREPARES THEM TO WORK AND BECOME A TAXPAYER,
18 THAT AGAIN IS WHERE THE SCIENCE IS. SO WITH THAT, I'LL JUST
19 LEAVE IT.

20

21 **TERRI MCDONALD:** GOOD MORNING. TERRI MCDONALD, ASSISTANT
22 SHERIFF REPRESENTING SHERIFF SCOTT WHO IS SITTING TO MY RIGHT,
23 HONORED TO HAVE HIM WITH US. WHAT I THINK A LOT OF WHAT WE'VE
24 TALKED ABOUT HAS ALREADY BEEN COVERED. THE LAST JAIL PLAN WHEN
25 I FIRST GOT HERE MET A NEED, BUT IT DIDN'T LOOK IN A HOLISTIC

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1 WAY ALL OF THE NEEDS THAT WE HAVE. AND SO WHAT WE TRIED TO DO
2 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ALL OF OUR COUNTY LEADERSHIP IS TO LOOK AT
3 NATIONAL BEST PRACTICES AND TO COME UP WITH A MODEL THAT
4 ACTUALLY WILL IMPROVE OUTCOMES BUT ADDRESSES LITIGATION
5 CHALLENGES THAT WE HAVE, SOME THAT YOU'RE ALL ARTFULLY AWARE
6 OF AND SOME THAT I THINK REALLY ARE COMING. SO THERE'S CURRENT
7 LITIGATION ON CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT UNDER RUTHERFORD. WE
8 HAVE A PENDING A.D.A. SUIT. BUT IF HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF, AND
9 IT GENERALLY DOES, I SUSPECT WE'LL HAVE SOON-TO-BE MEDICAL
10 LITIGATION AS WELL AS DENTAL LITIGATION. SO THIS CONCEPT TAKES
11 ALL OF THOSE CHALLENGES AND REACHES INTO THE FUTURE TO ADDRESS
12 THEM RATHER THAN WAITING. IT ALSO RECOGNIZES THAT IN JAILS, WE
13 HAVE VERY HIGH RISK, HIGH-NEEDS POPULATION. THEY ARE NOT JUST
14 HIGH RISK AND HIGH NEEDS WHEN THEY'RE WITH US BUT THEY'RE HIGH
15 RISK AND HIGH NEED FOR RE-ENTRY AND REINTEGRATION. SO THIS
16 CONCEPT IS THAT THEY'RE NOT REALLY SEPARATED FROM THE
17 COMMUNITY WHILE THEY'RE IN THE C.C.T.F. OR WHILE THEY'RE IN
18 MIRA LOMA, BUT OUR PARTNERS ARE WORKING WITH THEM FOR RE-ENTRY
19 SERVICES. WHETHER THEY NEED TO BE MOVED TO RESIDENTIAL
20 TREATMENT OR COMMUNITY-BASED HOUSING. SO THEY DON'T JUST GET
21 LOST OR DISCONNECTED WHILE THEY'RE IN CUSTODY BUT WE'RE
22 WORKING HOLISTICALLY FROM INTAKE TO RE-ENTRY. IN THE MIRA LOMA
23 FACILITY, THERE IS AMPLE RESEARCH ABOUT GENDER-RESPONSIVE
24 STRATEGIES TO MANAGE FEMALE OFFENDERS. FEMALE OFFENDERS CAN BE
25 VERY RESPONSIVE TO ROBUST WRAP-AROUND SERVICES THAT REALLY

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1 RECOGNIZE THE TRAUMATIC NEEDS THAT FEMALES ENCOUNTER. THE JAIL
2 THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE IN C.R.D.F. IS NOT THE RIGHT
3 ENVIRONMENT FOR WOMEN. THEY TEND TO DO BETTER IN CAMPUS-STYLE
4 DESIGN. THEY DO WELL IN DORMS. AND, FRANKLY, THEY'RE NOT
5 GETTING THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE VOCATION EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS THAT
6 WE SHOULD BE AFFORDING THEM IF WE WANT TO HAVE BETTER
7 SERVICES. AND I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTION IS THAT THIS
8 REALLY SUPPLEMENTS AND INTEGRATE WITH DIVERSION RATHER THAN
9 REPLACING THEM. I'VE HEARD A LOT ABOUT AND READ A LOT ABOUT
10 DIVERSION. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO RECOGNIZE WHAT THE
11 L.A. COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM IS ABLE TO DO AND NOT ABLE TO DO.
12 CURRENTLY, WE HAVE OVER 4,000 INMATES ABOVE OUR V.F.C.C. RATED
13 CAPACITY. WE HAVE WELL OVER 2,000 INMATES LIVING IN TRIPLE
14 BUNKS AND ON DAY ROOM FLOOR BEDS. THOSE ARE THE SAME TYPE OF
15 BEDS THAT GOT THE STATE INTO THREE JUDGE PANEL PROBLEMS.
16 ADDITIONALLY WE'RE AN EARLY RELEASE COUNTY. SO ON ANY GIVEN
17 DAY, WE'RE EARLY RELEASING 80 TO 120 INMATES. IF WE HAD TO
18 HOUSE EVERYBODY IN L.A. COUNTY, WE'D NEED 4300 BEDS. I BELIEVE
19 THAT WE NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB IN DIVERSION. BUT I DO NOT
20 BELIEVE THAT WE CAN DO DIVERSION TO A MAGNITUDE IN WHICH WE
21 WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WE REALLY ARE
22 TALKING ABOUT REPLACEMENT OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. SO HERE'S
23 WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO AVOID. WE'RE TRYING TO AVOID AN
24 INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE IN MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I THINK YOU'VE
25 ALL TOURED FACILITY. I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY DEBATE THE

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1 CHALLENGE OF THAT FACILITY. IT IS AN OLD-STYLE LINEAR DESIGN
2 FACILITY. THE PLUMBING, THE ELECTRICAL, EVERYTHING IS FAILING.
3 LOCKING MECHANISMS ARE FAILING IN THE FACILITY. TO BRING IT
4 BACK UP TO CODE WOULD EASILY BE A BILLION DOLLARS AND DOING
5 THAT, YOU STILL DO NOT HAVE PROGRAM SPACE. IT DOESN'T MEET
6 A.D.A. AND DOESN'T HAVE APPROPRIATE HOUSING FOR MEDICAL OR
7 HIGH SECURITY. RECENTLY WE'VE HAD A SERIES OF VERY SERIOUS
8 ASSAULTS ON STAFF WHERE THE INMATES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE
9 LINEAR DESIGN BY THROWING BODY FLUIDS ON THE EMPLOYEES. THE
10 OTHER PROBLEM THAT THIS SYSTEM HAS IS REALLY WHAT I'LL DEFINE
11 AS GRIDLOCK, BECAUSE IT'S NOT A FLEXIBLE SYSTEM. WHEN A
12 POPULATION DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES ON US AND LET'S SAY THE HIGH
13 OBSERVATION INMATES, WE GET MORE OF THEM NEXT MONTH THAN WE
14 HAVE THIS MONTH. IT'S VERY HARD TO ADJUST THE SYSTEM TO THE
15 CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS. OR WE GET MORE MALES OR MORE FEMALES.
16 AND SO WE GET GRIDLOCK, WHICH MEANS THAT INMATES ARE HOLDING
17 IN I.R.C. OR WE HAVE THEM CUFFED TO BENCHES OR WE DON'T HAVE A
18 BED FOR THEM BECAUSE WE'RE SO LOCKED. THE C.C.T.F. AND THE
19 MIRA LOMA CREATE FLEXIBLE DESIGNS. SO LET'S SAY WE DO MIRACLES
20 WITH MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION, WHICH WE'RE WORKING ON NOW, THEN
21 WE CAN CONVERT THE UNITS THAT WERE DESIGNED AND CONFIGURED
22 FOR, SAY, SERVICE AREA, TO DRUG TREATMENT OR TO FEMALES. THE
23 STRESS, THE UNREST IN OUR FACILITIES IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM.
24 IT'S A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR THE INMATES. IT'S A SERIOUS PROBLEM
25 FOR THE EMPLOYEES THAT WORK IN THERE. MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, IT

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1 DOESN'T HAVE AMBIENT LIGHTING, IT'S OVERCROWDED. THE INMATES
2 ARE IDLE. IF YOU'RE NOT IN AN E.B.I. PROGRAM IN MEN'S CENTRAL
3 JAIL, YOU'RE LUCKY IF YOU GET OUT THREE HOURS A WEEK TO GO TO
4 THE ROOF. THAT PROBABLY WAS FINE IN 1950S WHEN THE COURT
5 SYSTEMS WERE ABLE TO MOVE INMATES THROUGH THE SYSTEM. IT IS
6 NOT OKAY IN TODAY'S A.B.109 POPULATION. NOR IS IT OKAY IN
7 TODAY'S MODERN CORRECTIONAL THINKING. I MENTION FUTURE
8 LITIGATION. I WORKED IN THE STATE FOR MANY YEARS. I BELIEVE
9 L.A. COUNTY IN MANY WAYS MIRRORS THE CHALLENGES TO STATE
10 PRISON SYSTEM HAD. THE STATE PRISON SYSTEM TODAY HAS OVER 25
11 FEDERAL CLASS ACTION LAWSUITS THAT GOVERN HOW THEY MANAGE
12 THEIR FACILITIES. I BELIEVE THAT THE C.C.T.F. AND MIRA LOMA
13 FACILITIES ARE DESIGNED TO HELP THE L.A. COUNTY STAVE OFF
14 LITIGATION, DO THE RIGHT THING, BUT IT'S NOT LOST ON THE COST
15 OF THESE FACILITIES. I KNOW IT'S A DIFFICULT DECISION FOR THE
16 BOARD TO MAKE. BUT THE REALITY IS IF THE COURTS TAKE OVER,
17 WE'LL BE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY FOR LITIGATION AND MONITORS
18 AND NOT A SINGLE BIT OF TREATMENT WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ALL OF
19 THOSE COSTS. SO I THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION
20 OF THE VANIR REPORT.

21

22 **KENNETH RAY:** INCLUDED WITHIN OUR REPORT WAS A SERIES OF NEXT
23 STEPS. IF THE BOARD WOULD CHOOSE TO ACT ON THIS TODAY, ONE OF
24 THE THINGS THEY WOULD NEED TO CONSIDER IS WHICH OPTION TO
25 SELECT . THE FIVE OPTIONS WERE ORIGINALLY REPRESENTED IN PHASE

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1 1 REPORT AND ARE AGAIN PRESENTED IN PHASE 2 REPORT. THE
2 BEGINNING OF ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT FOR YOU WOULD NEED TO BEGIN
3 IMMEDIATELY, AS WELL AS ENGAGING CONSULTANTS TO STUDY SITE
4 CONDITIONS AND LASTLY TO DEVELOP THE BRIDGING DOCUMENTS, A
5 DESIGNER WOULD NEED TO BE BROUGHT ON BOARD, AN ARCHITECTURAL
6 FIRM. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR THEIR TIME THIS MORNING.
7 AND AT THIS TIME IF THERE'S ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS, OUR
8 TEAM'S PREPARED TO ANSWER THEM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** A COUPLE THINGS. ONE, SHERIFF SCOTT, DO
11 YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE AT THIS POINT?

12

13 **SHERIFF JOHN SCOTT:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
14 BOARD. SHERIFF SCOTT. WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS MORNING IS
15 A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. THIS IS ONE THAT IS GOING TO TAKE US
16 WELL INTO THE FUTURE. BUT THE OPTIONS THAT ARE PRESENTED WILL
17 PROVIDE SOME TODAY SERVICES THAT ARE GROSSLY NEEDED AND IT
18 WILL ALSO ALLOW US TO DEVELOP OUR TREATMENT PROGRAM THAT
19 STARTED AND CAN ONLY OCCUR WITH THE KIND OF FACILITIES THAT
20 ARE BEING DESCRIBED HERE TODAY. SO I WOULD SAY THAT YOU HAVE A
21 BIG CHOICE TO MAKE. BUT IT'S ONE THAT I THINK IS GOING TO GET
22 US INTO THE FUTURE AND GET US INTO THE PROPER MANAGEMENT OF
23 OUR JAIL POPULATION. THANK YOU.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BEFORE WE GET INTO SOME
2 QUESTIONS, I'D LIKE TO ASK THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JACKIE
3 LACEY, HAS SOME COMMENTS ON DIVERSION. I'M GOING TO ASK HER TO
4 COME FORWARD AND MAKE SOME COMMENTS, AS WELL. SHE'S HERE.
5 COULD WE HAVE A CHAIR FOR HER, PLEASE?

6

7 **JACKIE LACEY:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN, AND GOOD MORNING,
8 SUPERVISORS. I'VE BEEN ASKED TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY ABOUT THE
9 CRIMINAL JUSTICE/MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT, WE'VE NICKNAMED IT
10 C.J.M.H.T. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, A GROUP OF DIVERSE JUSTICE
11 PARTNERS DETERMINED THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO ASSESS THE
12 CURRENT STATUS OF THE HOUSING OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN
13 THE JAILS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL HAS THE LARGEST MENTAL
14 HEALTH WARD IN THE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO DR. STEVEN SHAY FROM
15 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, THEY EMPLOY 38 FULL-TIME
16 PSYCHIATRISTS. THAT IS LARGER THAN U.C.L.A.- OLIVE VIEW AT
17 THIS POINT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT MORE THAN 3,000 IN THE JAIL
18 SUFFER FROM MILD TO SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS. IT IS OUR
19 OBSERVATION THAT UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESS HAS RESULTED IN THE
20 INCARCERATIONS OF MANY OR SOMETIMES NONVIOLENT, NON-SERIOUS
21 OFFENSES. IN SOME CASES, STABILIZING THESE INMATES HAS
22 RESULTED IN LONGER TERMS OF INCARCERATION THAN THOSE WHO
23 COMMIT THE SAME CRIMES WHO DO NOT SUFFER FROM MENTAL ILLNESS.
24 THE USE OF JAILS AS A SURROGATE MENTAL HEALTH WARD HAS
25 RESULTED IN EXTRAORDINARILY HIGH COSTS. THIS COST CAN BE EVEN

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1 HIGHER WHEN YOU CONSIDER THAT THE ONLY OPTION AVAILABLE TO
2 MANY OF THE PROSECUTORS IS TO USE THE FELONY PROBATION SYSTEM
3 TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS TAKE THEIR
4 MEDICATIONS AND SEE THEIR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER. WHILE THIS MAY
5 BE NECESSARY FOR SOME PEOPLE, IT IS BY NO MEANS APPROPRIATE
6 FOR EVERYONE WHO COMES IN CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE
7 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT IS CLEAR, EVEN TO THOSE OF US IN
8 LAW ENFORCEMENT, THAT WE CAN DO BETTER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
9 THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS, SIMPLY PUT, UNJUST. TO THAT END, WE'VE
10 CREATED A TASKFORCE WHICH HAS BEEN MEETING REGULARLY FOR
11 SEVERAL MONTHS TO STUDY AND DISCUSS THE ISSUE OF WHAT CAN BE
12 DONE TO IMPROVE WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW. WE'VE FORMED THE
13 CRIMINAL JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT, C.J.M.H.P. THE FOCUS
14 OF THE TASKFORCE IS TO IDENTIFY SUCCESSFUL JAIL DIVERSION
15 PRACTICES IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTY AND DEVELOP A MODEL
16 THAT CAN WORK HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE HAVE SEEN
17 FIRSTHAND BY VISITING THE MIAMI DADE, FLORIDA PROGRAM, THE
18 MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE PROGRAM, AND THE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS BEXAR
19 COUNTY PROGRAM. ALL THREE HAVE PROVIDED VALUABLE INSIGHT AS TO
20 HOW JAIL DIVERSION CAN SUCCESSFULLY WORK AND WHAT THE BENEFITS
21 ARE TO THE COUNTY OF OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE. THE TASKFORCE,
22 THROUGH FUNDING PROVIDED BY THE CALIFORNIA ENDOWMENT CENTER,
23 HAS EMPLOYED THE SERVICES OF THE GAIN CENTER OUT OF NEW YORK
24 TO HELP DEVELOP PILOT PROJECTS. THE PILOT PROJECT WOULD
25 ENCOMPASS AREAS PATROLLED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT, THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE LONG
2 BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT. OUR TASKFORCE INCLUDES A HIGHLY
3 KNOWLEDGEABLE GROUP OF PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS DIFFERENT PARTS,
4 WHICH INCLUDES JUDGES, PROSECUTORS, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, THE
5 ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, PROBATION, PAROLE AND THE COUNTY-
6 WIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE. IT ALSO INCLUDES
7 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
8 FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE ENGAGED IN EMERGENCY RESPONSES TO
9 THOSE WHO ARE IN CRISIS. OUR TASKFORCE ALSO INCLUDES DR.
10 MARVIN SOUTHARD, HEAD OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
11 HEALTH, REPRESENTATIVES FROM PUBLIC HEALTH, REPRESENTATIVES
12 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES BECAUSE MANY OF THESE
13 PEOPLE DO, IN FACT, ABUSE THE ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES, VETERANS
14 AFFAIRS AND THE COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH. OUR TASKFORCE
15 ALSO INCLUDES GROUPS WHO ADVOCATE FOR THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY
16 ILL AND THEIR FAMILIES. N.A.M.I., THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR
17 THE MENTALLY ILL, PUBLIC COUNCIL AND INTERCITY LAW CENTER, TO
18 NAME A FEW, ARE PART OF OUR GROUP. WE HAVE ALSO
19 REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS DIFFERENT COMMUNITY-BASED
20 TREATMENT PROVIDERS. THE GROUP ALSO INCLUDES THE DIRECTOR OF
21 VICTIM-WITNESS SERVICES FOR MY OFFICE TO ENSURE THAT WHATEVER
22 WE DO, WE FASHION A REMEDY THAT WILL OBEY THE VICTIMS' BILL OF
23 RIGHTS. I HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING SELECTED, DRAFTED OR
24 VOLUNTEERED TO LEAD THIS ESTEEMED GROUP. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT
25 CREATION OF A JAIL DIVERSION PROJECT OF THIS TYPE STARTS WITH

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1 A SUMMIT. TO THAT END, WE HAVE OUR FIRST SUMMIT CO-SPONSORED
2 BY THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AT THE END OF THIS
3 MONTH. IN ADDITION TO THE TASKFORCE MEMBERS, WE HAVE INVITED
4 MEMBERS FROM THE BOARD, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE AS WELL AS
5 REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, REPS FROM THE
6 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND PROFESSORS FROM LOCAL UNIVERSITIES
7 WHO HAVE RESEARCHED THE TREATMENT OF MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE IN
8 OUR JAILS. OUR SUMMIT WILL FOCUS ON A PLAN TO LAUNCH A
9 COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PROGRAM, AN INTENSIVE SUPERVISION
10 PROGRAM, AS WELL AS A RE-ENTRY PROGRAM WHICH WILL EFFECTIVELY
11 ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS AS WELL AS
12 ENHANCE THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE TRAINING OF FIRST
13 RESPONDERS, FIRST RESPONDERS MEANING PEACE OFFICERS AND
14 E.M.T.'S. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE YOU THIS REPORT AS YOU
15 CONSIDER BUILDING A NEW JAIL FACILITY. I WANTED YOU TO BE
16 AWARE OF OUR EFFORTS. WE NEED THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD IN
17 ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENT SUCH A PROFOUND CHANGE IN THE
18 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE BELIEVE THIS PLAN, AT SOME POINT
19 IN THE FUTURE, WILL RELIEVE A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF JAIL
20 OVERCROWDING. IT IS MY GOAL TO ADD 1,000 RESIDENTIAL BEDS IN
21 THE COMMUNITY AS WELL AS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO
22 APPROXIMATELY 1,000 ADDITIONAL PEOPLE WHO MAY BE ABLE TO
23 ACCEPT HELP AND BE MONITORED WITHOUT THE NEED FOR A
24 RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM. THIS PROJECT WILL MAKE MORE ROOM IN THE
25 JAIL FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL AND VIOLENT AND

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1 IN NEED OF A MORE RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT THE JAIL
2 PROVIDES. I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT THIS
3 PROJECT TO YOU. WERE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY QUESTIONS OF JACKIE AT THIS POINT,
6 OUR DISTRICT ATTORNEY? IF NOT-- ZEV?

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO STICK
9 AROUND. IF YOU'RE LEAVING, I WILL ASK YOU NOW. IF YOU'RE GOING
10 TO STICK AROUND, I'LL ASK YOU LATER.

11

12 **JACKIE LACEY:** I WILL STICK AROUND.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. QUESTIONS? DO WE HAVE ANY
15 ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY? I THINK THAT'S IT. START WITH YOU, MIKE?
16 OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, LET ME THANK THE COUNTY STAFFS AND
19 DEPARTMENTS WHO ALL PARTICIPATED, SACHI FOR THE OVERSIGHT, AND
20 OUR JUSTICE DEPUTIES AND CHIEF OF STAFFS WHO HAVE ALL BEEN
21 INVOLVED IN WORKING ON WHAT WE ARE TODAY. LET ME JUST BEGIN
22 WITH FOR VANIR. IF WE GO WITH A TWO-TOWER APPROACH, WOULD THEY
23 BE MIRROR IMAGES OF EACH OTHER, OR WOULD THEY HAVE KEY
24 DIFFERENCES? AND DESCRIBE WHAT DIFFERENCES THEY WOULD BE IF
25 THEY WERE.

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2 **ROB NASH:** THEY WOULDN'T NECESSARILY BE MIRROR IMAGES OF EACH
3 OTHER. THEY WOULD CONTAIN SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT POPULATIONS. THE
4 FIRST TOWER WOULD CONTAIN ALL OF THE OPERATIONAL FACILITIES
5 REQUIRED FOR BOTH TOWERS, THINGS LIKE WAREHOUSING, EMPLOYEE
6 SPACES, KITCHEN FACILITIES; AND THEN IT WOULD ALSO HOUSE THE
7 C.T.C. FOR THE INPATIENT BEDS. IT WOULD HOUSE THE H.O.H.
8 POPULATION AS WELL AS SOME OF THE SERVICE AREA POPULATION. SO
9 SOME OF THE STEP DOWN BEDS. THE SECOND TOWER WOULD BE
10 PRIMARILY THE STEP DOWN SERVICE AREA POPULATION AND HIGH
11 SECURITY INMATES. SO IT'S NOT NECESSARY THAT THE TOWERS BE
12 MIRROR IMAGES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WITH YOUR BACKGROUND EXPERIENCE,
15 PROPOSALS BEFORE US TODAY, THESE OPTIONS THAT YOU PRESENTED,
16 THEY WOULD ASSIST US IN COMPLYING WITH THE D.O.J. M.O.A.?

17

18 **ROB NASH:** WE BELIEVE THAT. AND ALSO, MR. RAY HAS ADVISED US
19 THAT IT'S HIS OPINION THAT WE WOULD BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
20 M.O.A.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN I WAS GOING TO ASK TERRI, ASSISTANT
23 SHERIFF, BUT WE HAVE THE SHERIFF HERE SO I'LL ASK THE SHERIFF
24 THE QUESTION. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION ON THE ITEM BEFORE US
25 TODAY?

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1

2 **SHERIFF SCOTT:** WELL I WOULD BE IN SUPPORT OF THE BOARD MOVING
3 FORWARD WITH THE NEXT PHASE.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. AND TERRI, DO YOU CONSIDER THE
6 JAIL EXPANSION PLAN, AND COULD YOU EXPLAIN WHAT A TRUE JAIL
7 EXPANSION PLAN WOULD LOOK LIKE IN YOUR OPINION? IN OTHER
8 WORDS, HOW MANY MORE BEDS WOULD THIS PLAN INCLUDE? 5,000 AT
9 THE NEW JAIL PLUS 4300 BEDS?

10

11 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I THINK THERE'S SOME CONFUSION ABOUT THIS
12 BEING EXPANSION VERSUS REPLACEMENT. THIS PLAN IS A REPLACEMENT
13 PLAN. SO ESSENTIALLY WE'RE TAKING DOWN 5,000 BEDS OUT OF THE
14 SYSTEM AND REPLACING IT WITH 5,000 BEDS THAT ARE MORE FLEXIBLE
15 AND ADAPTABLE. IF WE WERE DOING AN EXPANSION PLAN, WE'D BE
16 HERE ASKING FOR ROUGHLY 10,000 BEDS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT FACTORS DRIVE THE OPERATING COSTS UP
19 OR DOWN, AND WHEN IS IT TOO LATE TO IMPACT THOSE FACTORS?

20

21 **TERRI MCDONALD:** I THINK IT'S NEVER TOO LATE. I THINK, FRANKLY,
22 FOLKS ARE GETTING CAUGHT UP IN THE NUMBERS, WHETHER LET'S
23 CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATING COSTS. REALLY, WE DON'T KNOW UNTIL
24 WE GO TO DESIGN WHAT THE OPERATING COSTS WILL BE. DESIGN CAN
25 DRIVE THE COSTS UP; IT ALSO-- AND TECHNOLOGY CAN DRIVE THEM

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1 DOWN. THERE'S ALSO POLICY DECISIONS THAT YOU CAN MAKE. DO WE
2 USE NURSE PRACTITIONER OR DOCTOR? DO WE USE A PSYCH TECH OR A
3 DEPUTY? THERE'S ALL KINDS OF CHOICES THAT WE CAN MAKE AND IT'S
4 NEVER TOO LATE TO ADJUST TO THOSE.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THE DATA ON INMATE ASSAULTS, STAFF
7 ASSAULTS, SUICIDES AND ATTEMPTED SUICIDES THAT ARE ALWAYS
8 SHOWN TO BE HIGHER AT THE CENTRAL JAIL THAN THE OTHER JAIL
9 FACILITIES THAT WE OPERATE, IS THAT BECAUSE OF THE DESIGN OR
10 THE INMATE POPULATION HOUSED OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH?

11

12 **TERRI MCDONALD:** OF THE DESIGN OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS ONE OF
13 THE MOST CHALLENGING CORRECTIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES YOU'LL EVER
14 SEE NATIONALLY. ITS LINEAR DESIGN, SO SUICIDES, FOR EXAMPLE,
15 ARE HARD TO DETECT BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO WALK DOWN A TIER TO SEE
16 THEM. STAFF ASSAULTS YOU'RE WALKING BLINDLY ALONG A TIER. WE
17 HAD A RIOT LAST NIGHT IN A DORM OF INMATES ALL FIGHTING WITH
18 EACH OTHER. AND THERE'S A SINGLE DOOR IN THERE. THE STAFF ARE
19 RUNNING BLINDLY IN THERE. SO THE DESIGN OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL
20 ACTUALLY MAKES IT LESS SECURE THAN A DIRECT SUPERVISION MODEL.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND BASED UPON YOUR PAST EXPERIENCE WITH THE
23 STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY AND YOUR CURRENT POSITION AS
24 ASSISTANT SHERIFF, WHAT LESSONS CAN YOU APPLY TO WHAT WE-- HOW

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1 WE ARE MOVING FORWARD TODAY AND WHAT PITFALLS WE CAN AVOID AND
2 HOW WE CAN MAKE IT A BET BETTER ENVIRONMENT.

3

4 **TERRI MCDONALD:** MY BEST ADVICE AND I THINK DR. RAY WOULD SAY
5 THE SAME THING, THE SYSTEM IS MISSING SOME CRITICAL COMPONENTS
6 THAT WE NEED FOR CONSTITUTIONAL JAILING. AND IT IS, I BELIEVE,
7 CHEAPER AND MORE FLEXIBLE FOR US TO DO IT ON OUR OWN RATHER
8 THAN COURTS DOING IT. ONCE THE COURTS GET THEIR HANDS ON US,
9 OUR ABILITY TO MOVE GETS REDUCED EXPONENTIALLY BECAUSE YOU'RE
10 NEGOTIATING WITH COURTS AS YOU GO ALONG VERSUS US MAKING THE
11 RIGHT DECISIONS FOR THE COUNTY. YOU'RE ALSO, AGAIN, PAYING FOR
12 COURT MONITORS, ATTORNEYS. A GOOD EXAMPLE I CAN GIVE YOU IS
13 THE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM IN THE STATE, COLEMAN. IT'S BEEN
14 AROUND 20 YEARS. \$50 MILLION SPENT FOR COURTS, FOR COURT
15 MONITORS, FOR ATTORNEYS. NOT A SINGLE MEDICATION PASSED, NOT A
16 SINGLE GROUP PASSED. SO MY BEST ADVICE, AND I KNOW IT'S A
17 DIFFICULT DECISION FOR THE BOARD, IS TO RECOGNIZE WHERE WE
18 HAVE CHALLENGES AND LET US MAKE THE DECISION VERSUS THE
19 FEDERAL COURTS OR COURT MONITORS DOING THAT FOR US, SIR.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF WE SELECTED TWO-TOWER APPROACH, ARE WE
22 ABLE TO AVOID BUILDING THE SECOND TOWER IN THE FUTURE?

23

24 **TERRI MCDONALD:** WELL WE'RE TAKING DOWN 5,000 BEDS, SO THE
25 APPROACH IS A REPLACEMENT 5,000 BEDS. I THINK IF WE WEREN'T

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1 ALREADY DIVERTING 4300 OUT THROUGH AN EARLY RELEASE PROGRAM,
2 MAYBE. BUT THE REALITY WE ALREADY HAVE A 4300 BED SHORTAGE, SO
3 I THINK IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE COUNTY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN YOUR WORK WITH MENTAL HEALTH TO IDENTIFY
6 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT BEDS FOR CERTAIN TYPE OF MENTALLY
7 ILL OFFENDERS, HOW MANY BEDS DID THAT PROCESS YIELD?

8

9 **TERRI SHERIFF MCDONALD:** I WILL TELL YOU, I WAS REALLY SHOCKED
10 AND DISAPPOINTED. WE PUT ON AN R.F.I. FOR BED CAPACITY IN THE
11 COMMUNITY BECAUSE I WANTED TO-- WORKING WITH THE DISTRICT
12 ATTORNEY, I WANTED TO COME TO YOU FOLKS AND SAY LISTEN, WE
13 FOUND SOME BEDS, CAN WE GET SOME MONEY? SO WE PUT AN R.F.I.
14 OUT ONCE, WE GOT NO RESPONSES. WE DID IT AGAIN WITH HELP FROM
15 OUR DEAR FRIENDS FROM D.M.H. 179 BEDS CAME BACK. AND MOST OF
16 THOSE BEDS WERE NOT DESIGNED FOR HIGH ACUITY. NOW, THE GOOD
17 NEWS IS-- AND THE DOCTOR MAY WANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS-- WE'VE
18 GOTTEN A \$50 MILLION GRANT TO BUILD CAPACITY. BUT THERE'S NOT--
19 - IN A COUNTY LIKE L.A., I WAS HOPEFUL THERE WAS GOING TO BE
20 THOUSANDS OF BEDS. 180 BEDS. SO THERE'S NOT AS MUCH CAPACITY
21 AS FOLKS MAY THINK FOR A FORENSIC MENTALLY ILL POPULATION.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE AVERAGE COST PER BED FOR THESE
24 TYPE OF TREATMENT FACILITIES IN THE COMMUNITY AND HOW DOES
25 THAT COMPARE TO THE CURRENT JAIL BED COSTS?

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2 **TERRY MCDONALD:** THE CURRENT JAIL BED COSTS ROUGHLY \$118 A DAY.
3 THE RESPONSE WE GOT BACK FROM 84.50 A DAY TO ABOUT \$162 A DAY,
4 UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY TWO OF THOSE BEDS APPEARED TO BE
5 LICENSED INPATIENT BEDS. SO WE TURNED TO THE STATE AND SAID,
6 STATE HOSPITALS, DO YOU HAVE ANY CAPACITY? MAYBE WE CAN LOOK
7 TO GO THERE IN OUR GAP. THEIR LOWEST DAILY RATE WAS \$675 A
8 DAY. AND TALKING TO D.M.H. STAFF, IT'S PROBABLY MORE LIKE
9 \$1,000 A DAY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MANY INMATES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH
12 COMMUNITY-BASED TREATMENT BEDS OR OTHER FORMS OF DIVERSION
13 FROM JAIL?

14

15 **TERRI MCDONALD:** DR. SOUTHARD TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE'RE
16 ALREADY DOING MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION. IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR,
17 990 INMATES, THROUGH COURT DIVERSION WERE ALREADY DIVERTED
18 OUT. A MEETING WITH DR. SOUTHARD'S STAFF PROBABLY ABOUT 60
19 DAYS OR SO AGO, SHE THOUGHT THERE WAS ANOTHER 100 THAT COULD
20 GO RIGHT THEN AND THERE IF THERE WAS BED CAPACITY. I THINK
21 THERE'S 1,000 IN THE JAIL. AS THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TALKED
22 ABOUT, I THINK THERE'S 1,000 THAT WE CAN TAKE A LOOK AT. NOW
23 WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THAT THOUSAND WILL ACTUALLY MAKE IT
24 THROUGH, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT HIGH RISK. THEY DON'T HAVE PRIOR

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1 SERIOUS VIOLENCE. THEY HAVEN'T ESCAPED BEFORE. THAT I DON'T
2 KNOW, SIR.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. FUJIOKA, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR OFFICE
5 AND PUBLIC WORKS HAVE RELEASED SOLICITATIONS PREVIOUSLY FOR
6 PERFORMING THE NEXT STEPS NECESSARY FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF
7 MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. HOW MUCH TIME DO YOU AND PUBLIC WORKS NEED
8 TO RE-NEGOTIATE THOSE TERMS AND BRING THOSE CONTRACT
9 RECOMMENDATIONS UP FOR APPROVAL?

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO BRING IT BACK TO THIS
12 BOARD IN 60 DAYS.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** UP TO 60 DAYS?

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** UP TO 60 DAYS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE BONDING PERSPECTIVE WHAT, IS THE
19 CURRENT FORECAST VERSUS THE FUTURE HOLD?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IN TERMS OF OUR CAPACITY? RIGHT NOW, OUR LEVEL
22 OF DEBT IS EXTREMELY LOW, IS VERY LOW. A LOT OF IT IS
23 DEPENDENT ON HOW WELL THE ECONOMY RECOVERS. AND IF IT DOES
24 RECOVER, HOW OUR REVENUE IS INCREASED AND OUR CAPACITY TO
25 ISSUE NEW BONDS. THAT'S SOMETHING AS WE COME BACK TO YOU AND

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1 WE SPEAK TO HOW WE'LL FINANCE THIS PLAN, WE'LL BE PROVIDING
2 THAT INFORMATION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO USE THE PRELIMINARY OPERATING COST AS A
5 MEANS TO CRITICIZE OR REJECT THIS PLAN WOULD BE SHORTSIGHTED
6 AND IGNORE EVERYTHING WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE PAST. BUT IN THE
7 CASE IN POINT, WHAT IS THE SHERIFF'S REQUEST, BUDGET REQUEST
8 FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR? AND HOW MUCH OF IT HAVE YOU ALREADY
9 RECOMMENDED IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET?

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, THE INITIAL REQUEST FROM THE SHERIFF
12 WAS-- IT WAS A PRETTY HIGH REQUEST. WHAT WE HAVE AUTHORIZED
13 FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR IS APPROXIMATELY \$108 MILLION. THE
14 LARGEST PERCENTAGE OF THE 108 WENT TO SUPPORT THE
15 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JAIL VIOLENCE COMMISSION. BUT THEIR
16 OVERALL REQUEST WAS SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE CAN ALL AGREE THAT EACH OF THE JAIL
19 OPTIONS HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO US THIS MORNING AS A WHOLE THAT
20 WE HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND YOU'VE COME
21 UP WITH A COMPREHENSIVE OPTION, OPTIONS FOR US TO CONSIDER.
22 FOR EXAMPLE, WE KNOW THAT THE CENTRAL REGIONAL DETENTION
23 FACILITY WAS ORIGINALLY FOR MALE INMATES BUT TODAY IT'S
24 CONSISTENTLY BEING USED FOR FEMALE. WHERE MIRA LOMA WAS
25 OCCUPIED BY FEMALE INMATES, THE VACANCY OF CENTURY REGIONAL

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1 DETENTION CENTER WILL NOW IMPACT THE REST OF THE SYSTEM AND
2 MALE INMATES ARE NOW RELOCATED FROM OTHER JAILS. BECAUSE OF
3 THOSE SAME REASONS, VANIR HAS LOOKED AT WAYS TO REPLACE
4 CENTRAL JAIL WITH LITTLE OR NO DISRUPTION FOR THE REST OUR
5 ENTIRE JUDICIAL SYSTEM. WE KNOW THAT MIRA LOMA WILL TAKE PLACE
6 TIME TO COMPLETE THAN THE REPLACEMENT OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.
7 YET THE SYSTEM WILL NOT OPERATE AT ITS OPTIMUM UNTIL BOTH THE
8 PROJECTS ARE COMPLETE. SO THAT'S WHY IT'S IMPORTANT THEY MOVE
9 TOGETHER. SO, MR. FUJIOKA, HOW CAN WE ENSURE THAT THE
10 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS OF BOTH MIRA LOMA AND THE CENTRAL JAIL
11 WOULD COME BEFORE THE BOARD TOGETHER?

12

13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WELL, I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING
14 BOTH PROJECTS GO FORWARD; AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL DO
15 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO SYNCHRONIZE THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES.
16 THE KEY IS TO ENSURE THE OVERLAP OF DEMOLITION ACTIVITIES, THE
17 DESIGN AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE PROJECT COMPONENTS SUCH AS
18 THE PARKING STRUCTURE IN CHINATOWN AND THE MOVE OF THE
19 ARRAIGNMENT COURT THERE. THERE WERE ASPECTS OF THIS EFFORT
20 THAT HAVE TO BE PLANNED CAREFULLY TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF
21 SYNCHRONIZATION. AND SO WE WILL MAKE EVERY SINGLE EFFORT. WE
22 WILL BE REPORTING BACK TO THIS BOARD ON A REGULAR BASIS SHOULD
23 THIS PLAN BE APPROVED TO DEMONSTRATE OUR PROGRESS ON BOTH
24 EFFORTS, BOTH MIRA LOMA AND THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE OPTIONS PROPOSED BY VANIR ARE NEITHER
2 WHAT WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST, AND THEY ARE NEW. IT'S A
3 REPLACEMENT OF THE CURRENT MEN'S JAIL FACILITY WITH A
4 DETENTION FACILITY THAT EFFECTIVELY RESOLVES A CONCERN BY THE
5 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND BY MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD OF
6 SUPERVISORS AND THE COMMUNITY. IT INCREASES INMATE AND OFFICER
7 SAFETY, REDUCES RISK AND LIABILITY, COMPLIES WITH A.D.A.
8 REQUIREMENTS, AFFORDS INMATES WITH ACCESS TO THE RIGHT TYPE OF
9 HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SPACE AND
10 SERVICES AS AN INTEGRATED SECULAR, SECURE MANNER. THE JOINT
11 MOTION BY SUPERVISORS MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
12 BACK IN OCTOBER SOUGHT TO ENSURE THAT THE D.O.J.'S CONCERNS
13 AND OTHER MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS ARE INCORPORATED INTO THIS
14 PLAN, AND VANIR HAS DONE THAT THIS MORNING. THE REPORT
15 CONTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT DONE BY A SEPARATE
16 CONSULTANT, R.J.S. JUSTICE SERVICES, WHICH CONCLUDES THAT
17 PROPOSED PROGRAMS NEED EVIDENCE-BASED BEST PRACTICES FOR THE
18 DELIVERY OF EFFECTIVE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO THE TARGET
19 POPULATION. THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AGREEMENT IS IN ADDITION
20 TO NEW AND VERY CHALLENGING DEMANDS DUMPED ON US BY THE STATE
21 UNDER A.B.109 RE-ALIGNMENT. AND FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES,
22 OUR LOCAL JAILS ARE NOW PSEUDO-PRISONS THANKS TO THIS RE-
23 ALIGNMENT. RE-ALIGNMENT DIDN'T PURELY INCREASE THE INMATE
24 POPULATION; IT SHIFTED THE LONG-TERM MEDICAL AND MENTAL
25 HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS POPULATION, WHICH IT FAILED TO

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1 PROVIDE AND IS NOW UNDER RECEIVERSHIP. WE DON'T WANT TO SEE
2 THIS COUNTY END UP IN THE SAME SITUATION AS THE STATE NOW
3 FINDS ITSELF. IT'S NOT RESPONSIBLE, AND IT'S ENTIRELY
4 AVOIDABLE. THE DECISION TO REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL IS NOT
5 RUSHED OR WITHOUT A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT AND CONSIDERATION.
6 IT'S BEEN ON THE TABLE FOR NEARLY A DECADE. IF WE DON'T ACT,
7 THE CHOICE WILL NOT BE OURS, BUT UP TO A RECEIVER WHO WILL
8 FORCE US TO ACT AT A OF HIGHER COST, MUCH OF WHICH WOULD NOT
9 PROVIDE THE SERVICES AND TREATMENT BUT RATHER TO A TEAM OF
10 LAWYERS. THE FACT THAT PUBLIC SERVICES HAVE A HIGH COST IS NOT
11 NEWS. IT'S NOT BEEN STOPPED FROM US DOING WHAT HAS TO BE DONE
12 WHEN IT NEEDS TO BE DONE. HOSPITALS COST MUCH MORE TO BUILD
13 AND OPERATE, BUT THAT HASN'T STOPPED US FROM BUILDING THEM AND
14 OPERATING THEM. THE COST THE BUILD L.A.C.+U.S.C. WAS NEARLY \$1
15 BILLION, \$924.7 MILLION TO BE EXACT, FOR 650 BEDS AND ITS
16 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET IS \$1.3 BILLION. THE COST TO BUILD THE
17 M.L.K. COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WAS JUST UNDER 300 MILLION FOR 133
18 BEDS AND A COMMITMENT WAS MADE JUST LAST MONTH TO PROVIDE
19 GRANTS AND ONGOING GENERAL FUNDS TO ASSIST IN THE OPERATION OF
20 THE MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. THE EXISTING OLIVE VIEW-
21 U.C.L.A. HOSPITAL HAS 213 BEDS WITH AN ANNUAL OPERATING COST
22 OF \$450 MILLION. VANIR'S OPTION 1-B WHICH PROPOSES TO REPLACE
23 THE CENTRAL JAIL AND REOPEN MIRA LOMA DETENTION CENTER ADDS
24 1,384 BEDS TO OUR SYSTEM AND INCREASES THE OPERATING COST BY
25 \$213.6 MILLION FOR A TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET \$456 MILLION.

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1 THAT'S \$6 MILLION DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OLIVE VIEW OPERATIONS.
2 THE IRONY IS THAT THE MORE JAIL BEDS WE BUILD, THE CHEAPER THE
3 COST PER BED BECOMES. THE OTHER FACT IS THAT THE TREATMENT
4 BEDS ARE NOT CHEAPER. THE JAIL BED TODAY COSTS BETWEEN \$112
5 AND 118. THAT COST INCREASES WHEN YOU FACTOR IN RECREATION
6 TIME, MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT, SMALL GROUP
7 THERAPY, ET CETERA. BEYOND THE COSTS, THE SHERIFF WILL HAVE
8 MORE APPROPRIATE HOUSING CHOICES BY USING CENTURY REGIONAL
9 DETENTION FACILITY AND TWIN TOWERS FOR THE HARDENED-MALE
10 INMATES WHILE RELOCATING THE FEMALE INMATES TO APPROPRIATE
11 CAMPUS STYLE FACILITY AT MIRA LOMA. THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE
12 TODAY. THE FACT THAT THE A.C.L.U. AND OTHERS ARE OPPOSED TO
13 THE JAIL PROJECT IS NOT NEW BECAUSE IT IS COSTLY OR BECAUSE IT
14 IS INHUMANE OR BECAUSE THEY CARE ABOUT THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
15 SYSTEM, IT IS BECAUSE THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE VICTIMIZATION
16 OF OUR COMMUNITIES BY CAREER CRIMINALS OR PUBLIC SAFETY IN
17 GENERAL. TO SAY THAT WE NEED A SMALLER JAIL CLEARLY PROMOTES
18 THE SLAP ON THE HAND WITH THE EXISTING CITE AND RELEASE POLICY
19 AND WOULD RELEASE THOUSANDS OF CONVICTED CRIMINALS EACH YEAR
20 DUE TO OVERCROWDING. THAT IS NOT A SOUND PUBLIC SAFETY POLICY.
21 SOME BELIEVE VANIR'S PROPOSAL IS A BIGGER JAIL; IT'S CONTRARY.
22 THE CURRENT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL HAS 5,433 BEDS. THE NEW JAIL
23 UNDER OPTION 1-B IS 4,885 BEDS, A REDUCTION OF 548 BEDS. THE
24 FACT THAT WE GAIN BEDS AT MIRA LOMA FOR THE FEMALES WHO ARE
25 CURRENTLY IN HORRIBLY OVERCROWDED CONDITIONS DOES NOT EQUATE

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1 TO JAIL EXPANSION. CRIMES RESULTING IN ZERO JAIL AND PRISON
2 TIME THANKS TO OVERCROWDING AND RE-ALIGNMENT OUR STAFFS
3 RECENTLY LEARNED ABOUT THE CASE INVOLVING MORTGAGE FRAUD
4 TOTALING \$6 MILLION WHERE THE D.A. SOUGHT PRISON TIME FOR THE
5 OFFENDER WHO RECEIVED PROBATION. I DON'T KNOW ANYONE WHO
6 CONSIDERS THAT A LOW LEVEL CRIME, YET THE PUBLIC IS FORCED TO
7 BELIEVE THAT WE OVER-INCARCERATE LOWER LEVEL CRIMINALS. THE
8 PUBLIC IS ALSO FORCED TO BELIEVE THAT CAREER CRIMINALS NEED
9 ONLY TREATMENT AND NO PUNISHMENT FOR THE CRIMES THEY HAVE
10 CONTINUED TO COMMIT. TREATMENT IS IMPORTANT, BUT SHOULD BE A
11 VARIABLE BOTH DURING AND AFTER INCARCERATION. WE ARE
12 CONSTITUTIONALLY OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT.
13 THAT IS NOT A FORM OF PUNISHMENT UNDER OUR PENAL SYSTEM
14 RESEARCHING AND PILOTING PROGRAMS DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR
15 EFFECTIVENESS SHOULD NOT BE VIEWED AS AN ALTERNATIVE BUT
16 RATHER AS A COMPLEMENTARY EFFORT TO BETTER MANAGE THE JAIL
17 POPULATION AND REDUCE EARLY RELEASE. I'M NOT SURE IF OTHER
18 JURISDICTIONS WITH SUCH PROGRAMS ARE FACING THE KIND OF
19 INMATES WITH SUCH LONG SENTENCES AS TODAY. WE NOW HAVE OVER
20 583 WHO ARE SENTENCED TO BETWEEN 5 AND 42 YEARS IN OUR COUNTY
21 JAIL. IF WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY DIVERT 1,000 OR 2,000 OFFENDERS
22 WE WOULD STILL BE SHORT ON BEDS GIVEN THE OVERCROWDED
23 CONDITIONS TODAY. G.P.S. AND ELECTRONIC MONITORING, AS WE HAVE
24 SEEN OVER AND OVER AGAIN, IS NOT A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO
25 INCARCERATION. IT IS NOT EVEN A VIABLE TOOL AT THE MOMENT WHEN

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1 YOU HAVE OFFENDERS COMMITTING RAPE AND MURDER WHILE EQUIPPED
2 WHILE WEARING THESE DEVICES AS OCCURRED TWO WEEKS AGO IN
3 ORANGE COUNTY. SO SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND I HAVE A MOTION I WILL
4 READ IN AT THIS TIME. "ON JULY 16, 2013, VANIR CONSTRUCTION
5 MANAGEMENT PRESENTED THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE LOS
6 ANGELES COUNTY JAIL PLAN. IN THEIR REPORT, VANIR RECOMMENDED
7 FIVE OPTIONS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL WITH A
8 CONSOLIDATED CORRECTIONAL FACILITY TREATMENT FACILITY,
9 FOCUSING PRIMARILY ON PROGRAMMING EFFORTS FOR MENTAL HEALTH
10 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT. SUBSEQUENTLY ON JULY 16 OF
11 2013, OUR BOARD DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO WORK WITH
12 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO AMEND THE STATEMENT OF WORK
13 FOR VANIR TO FURTHER DEVELOP THE PROGRAM FOR THE PROPOSED JAIL
14 INCLUDING STAFFING, OPERATIONAL COSTS. SIMILAR ACTIONS WERE
15 TAKEN BY THE BOARD ON OCTOBER 22, 2013 AS IT RELATES TO THE
16 MIRA LOMA FACILITY. VANIR'S MAY 2014 REPORT THIS MORNING
17 PROVIDES AN ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM FOR BOTH FACILITIES,
18 INCLUDING A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF DEPARTMENT SPACE NEEDS,
19 ADEQUACY REQUIREMENTS FOR A 1 AND 2-TOWER FACILITY FOR THE
20 CENTRAL JAIL. TODAY THE BOARD HAS BEEN PRESENTED WITH VARIOUS
21 OPTIONS FOR THAT REPLACEMENT. THE NEXT STEP IN REPLACING THE
22 CENTRAL JAIL IS TO OBTAIN DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS THAT VALIDATE
23 THE SPACE PROGRAM, REFINE THE OPERATING COSTS, CONFIRM THE
24 STAFFING PLANS AND VERIFY THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS BASED ON WHAT
25 HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY VANIR. THE DESIGN SHOULD BE, TO THE

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1 GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, CONTEMPLATE A COST SAVING APPROACH
2 IN WHICH DEPARTMENTAL STAFFING MODELS MINIMIZE MOVEMENT OF
3 STAFF AND INMATES WHILE MEETING THE TREATMENT NEEDS OF INMATES
4 THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH
5 PROGRAMS. SPACE EFFICIENCY SHOULD ALSO BE EXPLORED TO REDUCE
6 THE BUILDING FOOTPRINT WHILE MAXIMIZING CIRCULATION AND
7 FUNCTIONAL NEEDS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH IS LARGER THAN 40
8 STATES IN THE UNITED STATES, IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE
9 UNITED STATES. THROUGH FISCAL CONSERVATISM, OUR BOARD HAS
10 WEATHERED THE GREAT RECESSION WITH MINIMAL IMPACTS TO SAFETY,
11 HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND OTHER IMPORTANT PROGRAMS. THE
12 COUNTY MUST CONTINUE ITS FISCAL PRUDENCE, ESPECIALLY WHEN
13 CONTEMPLATING REPLACEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S LARGEST CORRECTIONAL
14 FACILITY. FISCAL PRUDENCE AND CORRECTIONAL APPROACHES CAN ALSO
15 BE POTENTIALLY ENHANCED BY UTILIZING ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY,
16 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT METHODS, WHEN SUCH
17 METHODS ARE PROVEN SAFE FOR COMMUNITIES AND EFFECTIVE IN THEIR
18 OUTCOMES. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS OUTLINED 15
19 ALTERNATIVES IN THE DRAFT PROPOSED POPULATION MANAGE THE
20 SOLUTIONS THAT WOULD BE INSTITUTED COMPLEMENTARILY AND
21 INDEPENDENTLY OF THE NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION AND SHOULD BE
22 PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE
23 COST ANALYSIS. WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
24 ADOPT OPTION 1-B WITH TWO-TOWER CONFIGURATION WITH A C.C.T.F.
25 WE FURTHER MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. WORK WITH THE SHERIFF, MENTAL

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1 HEALTH AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP A
2 PERFORMANCE CRITERIA DEFINITION DOCUMENT THAT INCLUDES AN
3 EFFICIENT COST-EFFECTIVE OPERATIONAL PLAN FOR TWO-TOWER
4 CONFIGURATION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. WORK
5 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO NEGOTIATE A FEE WITH
6 AECOM BASED UPON THEIR 2009 PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A PERFORMANCE
7 CRITERIA; AND INITIAL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE
8 REPLACEMENT OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND RETURN IN 60 DAYS, OR
9 SOONER, WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONTRACT AWARD; AND NEGOTIATE A
10 FEE FOR THE PLANNING CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
11 FOR THE SELECTED OPTION AS THE PROPOSED OPTION BASED UPON THE
12 ORIGINAL PROPOSAL AND RETURN IN 60 DAYS OR SOONER WITH THE
13 RECOMMENDED CONTRACT AWARD; WORK WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO SELECT
14 CONSULTANTS FROM THE BOARD, APPROVED AS NEEDED, CONSULTANT
15 CONTRACT LIST TO PERFORM STUDIES ON THE SELECT SITE TO VERIFY
16 CONDITIONS; AND IDENTIFY POTENTIAL ISSUES. SUCH WORK SHOULD
17 COMPLETE ALL SURVEYS OF ALL SITE FEATURES INCLUDING BUILDINGS,
18 UTILITIES, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS AND STERILE CONDITIONS. RETURN
19 IN 60 DAYS OR SOONER WITH A COMPREHENSIVE TIMELINE FOR THE
20 REPLACEMENT OF MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL AND THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
21 OF MIRA LOMA DETENTION CENTER. SIX, DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE
22 FUNDING PLAN TO PAY FOR AN ANNUAL OPERATING EXPENSES,
23 CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND/OR DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS; AND, FINALLY,
24 RETURN IN 60 DAYS OR SOONER WITH A COST ANALYSIS OF THE 15
25 ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY AND TREATMENT PROGRAMS DISCUSSED IN THE

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1 SHERIFF'S DRAFT PROPOSED POPULATION MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS DATED
2 MARCH 2014."

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I ASSUME YOU'RE SECONDING TO THAT,
5 CORRECT? I JUST WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON A QUESTION AS IT RELATES
6 TO DR. SOUTHARD. YOU KNOW, THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION A FEW
7 MINUTES BACK ABOUT OBVIOUSLY BUILDING PROVISIONS OR BEDS THAT
8 ARE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO BE IN AND OUT PARTICULARLY AS IT
9 RELATES TO DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
10 MENTIONED HER GOAL OF 1,000 BEDS, I MEAN, WE'VE GOT ALL THIS
11 OUT THERE. AND SHOULD THAT BE SUCCESSFUL, OBVIOUSLY I THINK IN
12 THE DESIGN THAT'S FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO SORT OF PUT THAT BACK.
13 BUT WHAT IS YOUR OUTLOOK ON THE NUMBER OF THOSE DIVERSION BEDS
14 THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE? I MEAN TERRI MENTIONED TWO R.F.P.S,
15 ONE ZERO AND THEN 180. I MEAN, IS THE OUTLOOK BETTER? IS THERE
16 A SPECIFIC REASON? ARE THERE BEDS OUT THERE BUT THEY DON'T
17 WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH US? WHAT ARE THOSE KINDS OF ISSUES?

18

19 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, I THINK THE ANSWER TO
20 THAT DEPENDS WHAT YOU MEAN BY DIVERSION BEDS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I MEAN WHAT YOU MEAN. [LAUGHTER.]

23

24 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** WELL I'LL EXPLAIN WHAT THE OPPORTUNITIES
25 ARE. IF WHAT THE JUDGE MEANS IS A LOCKED FACILITY, THEN IT IS

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1 OUTSIDE OF THE JAIL, THE SUPPLY OF LOCKED FACILITIES, I.M.D.S
2 AND THE LIKE ARE VERY SHORT. WE ALREADY HAVE A SHORTAGE OF
3 THOSE. AND THAT'S WHY OUR HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOMS ARE
4 OVERCROWDED. IF WHAT IS MEANT IS DIVERSION TO AN OUTPATIENT
5 PROGRAM OR TO A DRUG RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM, THE OUTPATIENT
6 PROGRAM, WE HAVE RESOURCES. IF ALL THAT IS MEANT IS SOMEBODY
7 IS SEEKING OUTPATIENT SERVICES, WE CAN PROVIDE OUTPATIENT
8 SERVICES.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME STOP RIGHT THEN. TERRI, WHAT
11 R.F.P. WERE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHICH ONE OF THOSE?

12

13 **TERRI MCDONALD:** IT WAS ANY SUPERVISED ENVIRONMENT, THAT
14 SOMEBODY WAS THERE 24/7.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NOT TOTAL INCARCERATION BUT SUPERVISED
17 24 HOURS A DAY.?

18

19 **TERRI MCDONALD:** CORRECT, SO THEY WEREN'T LIVING AT HOME DOING
20 DAY TREATMENT BUT THEY WERE IN A SUPERVISED SETTING.

21

22 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** AND SO THE SUPERVISED 24-HOUR SETTINGS
23 WITH CONTROLLED INGRESS AND EGRESS ARE VERY SHORT, ARE IN VERY
24 SHORT SUPPLY.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IS THERE IN SHORT SUPPLY OR IS THERE A
2 REASON THEY DON'T WANT TO DO BUSINESS WITH US? THAT'S THE
3 QUESTION.

4

5 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** BOTH. THEY'RE IN SHORT SUPPLY AND THE
6 FORENSIC POPULATION IS INHERENTLY MORE CHALLENGING. SO SINCE
7 THEY ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY AND IF THEY HAVE CHOICES OF WHO THEY
8 CAN WORK WITH, GENERALLY THEY PREFER TO WITH A NON-FORENSIC
9 POPULATION IF THEY HAVE THAT CHOICE. AND THEY CHARGE, AS TERRI
10 INDICATED, A PREMIUM TO DEAL WITH A FORENSIC POPULATION.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND THEN
13 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS, THANK YOU. FIRST OF
16 ALL, LET ME THANK VANIR. THAT WAS A VERY COMPREHENSIVE REPORT
17 THAT WE WAITED A LONG TIME AND OF COURSE IT WAS REALLY HELPFUL
18 TO HAVE A GOOD UNDERSTANDING OF THE OVERALL POPULATION, THE
19 ASSESSMENT, THE ANALYSIS THAT YOU DID. IT WAS REALLY HELPFUL
20 IN GOING THROUGH THAT AND GETTING A BETTER UNDERSTANDING FOR
21 US, AS SUPERVISORS, AS TO WHAT THE STATUS IS OF OUR JAIL
22 POPULATION AND THE SEVERITY OF ITS NEEDS AND WHAT WE NEED TO
23 DO IN GOING FORWARD. SO I THANK YOU FOR THE VERY COMPREHENSIVE
24 REPORT AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING
25 TO BE UTILIZING FOR A WHILE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF HOW WE ARE

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1 GOING TO CONTINUE TO MANAGE OUR INMATE POPULATION. BUT I DO
2 HAVE A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS, BECAUSE I KNOW THERE'S BEEN A LOT
3 OF CONCERN ABOUT WHY ARE YOU BUILDING IT? WHY SO MANY BEDS?
4 RIGHT NOW WE HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING, IT'S CLEARLY A
5 REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THAT'S ALL WE'RE
6 DOING AT THIS POINT IN TIME. WE'RE NOT INCREASING ANY OF IT.
7 BUT I WANT TO GO THROUGH THE ISSUE OF DIVERSION SOMEWHAT,
8 BECAUSE AS I UNDERSTAND IN THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND AS YOU
9 WALK THROUGH PUTTING TOGETHER THIS OUTLINE THERE WAS A LOT OF
10 TALK ABOUT FLEXIBILITY AND FLEXIBILITY OF BEDS, WHICH I THINK
11 IS A VERY VALUABLE TOOL IF IT WORKS THROUGHOUT THE MECHANISM
12 THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE USING. AND SO THERE IS REALLY NOT ANY
13 PROBLEM TO START WITH TWO TRACKS. I MEAN YOU CAN CONTINUE TO
14 BUILD AND GO FORWARD ON DIVERSION AND INVEST THE KIND OF
15 EFFORT THAT YOU WANT TO MAKE IN THAT AND TRAVEL ON A TWO-TRACK
16 KIND OF SYSTEM. THAT IS NOT GOING TO NEGATE THE KIND OF BEDS
17 WE NEED. BECAUSE, TERRI, THE QUESTION THAT I HAVE, AND YOU
18 KNOW FROM THE VERY BEGINNING ON OUR JAIL, I DIDN'T WANT TO
19 INCREASE THE NUMBER OF BEDS THAT WE HAD TO PROVIDE FOR INMATES
20 BUT I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT TIME SERVED. RIGHT NOW
21 WOMEN ARE SERVING ONLY 10 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME, CORRECT?

22

23 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, MA'AM.

24

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THE NON M-7S AS I UNDERSTAND PRESENTLY RIGHT
2 NOW ARE SERVING 20 PERCENT, CORRECT?

3

4 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, MA'AM.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEN WE STILL HAVE THE VERY SERIOUS OFFENDERS,
7 AT THE END OF THE DAY, ARE ONLY SERVING 40 PERCENT.

8

9 **TERRI MCDONALD:** WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO MOVE THAT UP INTERMITTENTLY
10 THROUGH TIME. IT RANGES ANYWHERE FROM 40, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO
11 GET THEM UP TO 70 AND 80. IT GOES BACK AND FORTH.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT GOES BACK AND FORTH. SO THE ISSUE IS THAT IF
14 IN FACT WE CAN CREATE MORE DIVERSION, THE FLEXIBILITY IN IN
15 DESIGN COMPONENT GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO UTILIZE THOSE BEDS
16 SO THAT WE HAVE OUR OFFENDERS SERVING MORE OF THEIR TIME,
17 WHICH I THINK IS WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS, RIGHT?

18

19 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THERE WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT. ALL OF
22 THE FLEXIBILITY OF THESE BEDS GIVES US THAT OPPORTUNITY TO
23 POTENTIALLY, IF IN FACT WE'RE SUCCESSFUL IN DIVERSION, WHICH
24 HOPEFULLY WE CAN BE, WE START THAT TRACK, IS ALSO TO HAVE THE
25 OPPORTUNITY FOR MANY OF THESE OFFENDERS TO SERVE MOST OF THEIR

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1 TIME, WHICH I THINK IS A PRETTY IMPORTANT COMPONENT AS TO HOW
2 WE MOVE FORWARD. RIGHT NOW, IF YOU WERE TO-- YOU KNOW I'VE
3 ASKED YOU THIS BEFORE AND I THINK YOU MENTIONED IF WE WANTED
4 ALL OF OUR INMATES TO SERVE 100 PERCENT OF THEIR TIME, IF WE
5 WANTED THAT, HOW MANY MORE BEDS WOULD WE NEED TO BUILD BEYOND
6 WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED HERE?

7

8 **TERRI MCDONALD:** LONG ANSWER TO A SHORT QUESTION. WE'D NEED
9 OVER 4,000 MORE BEDS FOR EVERYBODY TO SERVE 100 PERCENT. BUT
10 WE STILL WOULD BE RUNNING 4,000 BEDS ABOVE DESIGN CAPACITY
11 THERE. SO 4,000, EVERYBODY TO SPEND BUT WE'D STILL BE
12 OVERCROWDED.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'D STILL BE OVERCROWDED WITH THAT, IN ADDITION
15 TO THIS ADDITIONAL AMOUNT?

16

17 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, MA'AM.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. BUT THE OTHER PART THAT'S INTERESTING ABOUT
20 DIVERSION AND HOW YOU MOVE FORWARD ON DIVERSION IS THAT IF YOU
21 DON'T SERVE YOUR TIME LONG ENOUGH, IF WE DON'T HAVE THE
22 ABILITY TO INCARCERATE THE FELONS FOR THE TIME THAT THEY'VE
23 BEEN SENTENCED, THEN THE OPTION OF DIVERSION IS NOT AS
24 ATTRACTIVE, RIGHT?

25

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1 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, MA'AM.

2

3 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN YOU EXPLAIN THAT? BECAUSE I DON'T THINK A LOT
4 OF PEOPLE HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THAT.

5

6 **TERRI MCDONALD:** A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF TRYING TO GO AROUND TO
7 GET WOMEN TO GO INTO DRUG TREATMENT. WE'VE GOT SOME FREE DRUG
8 TREATMENT BEDS AT THE GRACE OF OUR PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY
9 AND WE WERE GOING TO PUT WOMEN OUT ON ALTERNATIVE CUSTODY.
10 THOSE WOMEN THAT WERE SERVING 10 PERCENT, IT WAS EASIER FOR
11 THEM JUST TO SERVE THEIR TIME AND GO. AND THAT'S NOT ALL OF
12 THEM. BUT UNFORTUNATELY IT BECOMES A LEARNED BEHAVIOR THAT I
13 CAN JUST DO THIS LITTLE BIT OF TIME AS OPPOSED TO THAT REALLY
14 DEEP ENTRENCHED WORK THAT YOU NEED TO DO IN A RECOVERY
15 COMMUNITY.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THE VALUE IS THAT IF IN FACT YOU CAN GET YOUR
18 OFFENDER TO STAY IN JAIL A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME OR
19 POTENTIALLY THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE SENTENCED FOR A LONGER
20 PERIOD OF TIME, THEN THERE'S AN INCENTIVE FOR THEM TO
21 POTENTIALLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT MIGHT
22 BE AVAILABLE, CORRECT?

23

24 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, AND THERE IS AMPLE EVIDENCE NATIONALLY
25 THAT ONE OF THE GREATEST WAYS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM IS IN-

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1 CUSTODY DRUG TREATMENT WITH AFTER CARE DRUG TREATMENT. AND
2 FRANKLY, I'D LIKE TO GET THE COUNTY TO A POINT IN WHICH WE'RE
3 MAKING DECISIONS BASED ON RISK. THE HIGHER RISK POPULATION WE
4 HOLD IN SOME KIND OF A SUPERVISED SETTING, AND THE LOWER RISK
5 WE'RE PUTTING IN TREATMENT. NOT EVERYBODY NEEDS A JAIL BED
6 THAT'S COMMITTED A CRIME. BUT IN OUR COUNTY RELEASE, OUR
7 PERCENTAGE RELEASE PRACTICES, WE ARE LETTING OUT EARLY HIGHER
8 RISK INMATES BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE A MECHANISM BY WHICH TO
9 MAKE THOSE DECISIONS BASED ON RISK.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THAT KIND OF ANALYSIS IS GOING TO BE
12 AVAILABLE UNDER THIS NEW CONCEPT, CORRECT?

13

14 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S IMPORTANT.
17 BECAUSE THERE'S ALSO FLEXIBILITY AS TO HOW THE BED IS USED AND
18 FLEXIBILITY ABOUT HOW YOU ARE GOING TO MANAGE THE INMATES,
19 CORRECT?

20

21 **TERRI MCDONALD:** YES, MA'AM.

22

23 **SUP. MOLINA:** I THINK THAT'S AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT. THE PART I
24 WANT TO MAKE SURE, WHEN YOU SAID YOU'VE BEEN A MONITOR WITH
25 VARIOUS PROPOSALS WITH D.O.J. AND WHATEVER, DID WE HAVE AN

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1 OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THIS PROPOSAL WITH THE FOLKS THAT ARE
2 OVERSEEING OUR D.O.J. REVIEW ON OUR MENTAL HEALTH?

3

4 **ROB NASH:** I CAN ANSWER THAT. I'M SORRY.

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** OVER HERE, THANK YOU.

7

8 **ROB NASH:** WE DID MEET WITH COUNTY COUNSEL AND REPRESENTATIVES
9 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. WE ADVISED THEM OF WHAT THE
10 PLANNING EFFORT WAS GOING TO INVOLVE. THEY WERE-- I THINK THEY
11 WERE PLEASED WITH WHAT THEY HEARD. THEY WERE, OF COURSE,
12 WAITING TO SEE IF IT ACTUALLY COMES TO FRUITION. BUT THEY
13 SEEMED TO BE GENERALLY IN CONCURRENCE WITH WHAT WE WERE
14 PROPOSING AT THAT TIME.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** WAITING TO SEE WHAT THE BOARD WILL DO. ALL RIGHT.
17 AND, MARV, DR. SOUTHARD, AGAIN, IN RUNNING THESE MENTAL HEALTH
18 COURTS, THE MENTALLY ILL, YOU'RE ALREADY DOING A GREAT NUMBER
19 OF THE DIVERSIONS. WHAT IS THE NUMBER MORE OR LESS NOW THAT
20 YOU ARE KIND OF MANAGING THROUGH THE SYSTEM YOU HAVE TODAY?

21

22 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, WITHIN THE SUPERIOR COURT
23 PROGRAM, WE ARE DOING ABOUT 1200 A YEAR THROUGH THAT PROGRAM.
24 BUT WE ALSO HAVE DIVERSION PROGRAMS OF VARIOUS OTHER KINDS. WE
25 HAVE A RESTORATION TO COMPETENCY PROGRAM. WE HAVE OUR LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH TEAMS THAT RESPOND TO EFFORTS WHICH
2 LEAD TO FEWER ARRESTS WHEN THOSE TEAMS RESPOND TO SOMEBODY WHO
3 HAS A MENTAL ILLNESS. AND THOSE ARE EFFORTS THAT WE'RE GOING
4 TO BE EXPANDING USING S.B.82. SO I PROVIDED ALL OF THE OFFICES
5 A CHART THAT DESCRIBED A PRETTY COMPLEX SYSTEM OF DIVERSION
6 THAT IS ALREADY IN PLACE. AND WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO EXPAND
7 THAT SIGNIFICANTLY IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS. WE'RE BUILDING WITH
8 WHAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS PLANNING. AND ONE OF THE THINGS
9 THAT SHE DIDN'T MENTION IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ALSO
10 PARTICIPATED IN THOSE MEETINGS, BUT THEY PARTICIPATED BECAUSE
11 THEY WANTED TO LEARN HOW THEY MIGHT APPLY WHAT WE'RE DOING TO
12 THEIR JURISDICTIONS AND THEIR ISSUES. SO I THINK THAT EFFORT
13 IS GOING TO PAY HUGE BENEFITS IN A VARIETY OF WAYS FOR US,
14 SUPERVISOR.

15
16 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT RIGHT NOW IN THE PROGRAMS YOU'RE DOING, YOU
17 HAVE PREVENTION MODELS AND THEN YOU HAVE DIVERSION MODELS,
18 RIGHT? I MEAN, ALL OF IT IS DIVERSION BUT MUCH OF IT IS
19 PREVENTION, BUT IF YOU WERE TO SIZE UP A NUMBER OF DIVERSION
20 THAT YOU HAVE, WOULD IT BE 1200 A YEAR?

21
22 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, I'LL GET BACK TO YOU THE EXACT
23 NUMBER, BUT IT WOULD BE IN EXCESS OF 1200 A YEAR. PROBABLY
24 BETWEEN 1200 AND 1500.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE WERE ALREADY DOING THAT?

2

3 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** WE'RE DOING THAT.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF WE WEREN'T DOING THAT, WELL WE'RE OVERCROWDED
6 NOW BECAUSE WE'RE NOT SERVING FULL-TIME EVEN WITH THE BEDS
7 WE'RE REPLACING HERE, BUT EVEN IF WE WEREN'T DOING THAT, THERE
8 WOULD BE ANOTHER KIND OF OVERCROWDING CRISIS THAT WE HAVE.
9 RIGHT NOW THERE'S MONEY ON THE TABLE FOR THESE DIVERSION BEDS
10 AND WE'RE NOT GETTING THE KIND OF, WELL, RESPONSE, I GUESS, TO
11 WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO GET THAT. IF WE WERE TO PUT, IS
12 IT MORE MONEY THAT WE NEED TO PUT OUT THERE? WHAT IS IT? WHAT
13 KIND OF ACTIONS DO WE NEED TO TAKE? I THINK ONE OF THEM, OF
14 COURSE, IS GETTING THEM TO SERVE MORE TIME, THEN THEY'LL TAKE
15 ADVANTAGE OF THE DIVERSION. BUT WHAT OTHER KINDS OF ACTIONS
16 WOULD THIS BOARD NEED TO TAKE IN ORDER TO ESCALATE THE
17 POTENTIAL OF OTHER DIVERSION BEDS THAT COULD BE CREATED OUT
18 THERE?

19

20 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, I THINK THE BIGGEST OPPORTUNITY
21 THAT WE HAVE IS WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
22 IN MAKING THE RESIDENTIAL DRUG TREATMENT BENEFIT THAT SHOULD
23 BECOME AVAILABLE THROUGH THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT REALLY
24 OPERATIONAL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT WILL TAKE THE STATE
25 TAKING A NUMBER OF ACTIONS TO MAKE THAT REAL. BUT MOST-- I

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1 WOULD SAY 80 TO 90 PERCENT OF THE MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE IN OUR
2 JAIL ALSO HAVE A CO-OCCURRING ADDICTION. AND SO DEALING WITH
3 JUST THEIR MENTAL ILLNESS WITHOUT REALLY ENGAGING THEIR
4 ADDICTION IS NOT GOING TO GET US VERY FAR. SO I THINK THE
5 ADDITION OF A RESIDENTIAL DRUG TREATMENT BENEFIT AVAILABLE IN
6 THE COMMUNITY IS-- AND I THINK WES WOULD CONCUR-- THE GAME
7 CHANGER FOR US IN BEING ABLE TO DEAL WITH THIS POPULATION MORE
8 EFFECTIVELY.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** BECAUSE AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND I PUT
11 TOGETHER THIS MOTION, WE DEALT WITH A LOT OF THE BASIC NEEDS
12 THAT WE HAVE IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD, ON HOW WE START
13 ADVANCING THIS PROJECT. BUT I AM A LITTLE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
14 KINDS OF THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO THAT WE MIGHT BEGIN
15 LEGISLATIVELY, PROGRAM FUNDING, LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES AS TO
16 HOW WE COULD DO A LITTLE BIT MORE. I WOULD LIKE TO ADD, HELP
17 ME HERE IN THIS MOTION SOMEWHAT, TO BEGIN A PROCESS IN WHICH
18 THIS POPULATION THAT COULD POTENTIALLY BE PAID FOR UNDER THE
19 A.C.A., RIGHT? POTENTIALLY. WE DON'T KNOW THAT AS YET. WHETHER
20 IT'S FOR DRUG AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE BEDS, BUT POTENTIALLY MENTAL
21 HEALTH, CORRECT? I THINK THAT AS WE TRAVEL THROUGH THIS, ONE
22 OF THOSE STARTLING NUMBERS THAT'S GOING TO COME TO US BESIDES
23 BUILDING IT, WHICH IS GOING TO BE QUITE EXPENSIVE, IS GOING TO
24 BE THE ONGOING OPERATION. WE REALLY WANT TO CREATE A REAL
25 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES. I MEAN, NOT JUST, YOU

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1 KNOW, A SPACE FOR A MENTAL HEALTH PATIENT, BUT A REAL
2 TREATMENT PROGRAM, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE WILL HOPEFULLY A
3 PROGRAM THAT MIGHT LEAD TO SOME SUCCESS. SO CONSEQUENTLY, IN
4 ORDER TO DO THAT KIND OF TREATMENT, IT'S GOING TO BE VERY,
5 VERY EXPENSIVE FOR THE COUNTY TO FUNCTION AND OPERATE. AND AT
6 THE END OF THE DAY, I MEAN, THAT'S WHAT'S GIVEN TO US, WHETHER
7 IT'S THE STATE OR ANYONE, THAT'S NOW OUR RESPONSIBILITY,
8 WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT. BUT I DO THINK THAT WE NEED TO
9 START A PATHWAY, AS WELL, TO FIND OUT LEGISLATIVELY, AT A
10 FEDERAL LEVEL, THAT ANYTHING THAT WE NEED TO DO AS TO HOW WE
11 CAN TRANSITION THOSE KINDS OF NEEDS SO THAT THEY HAVE
12 OPPORTUNITIES OF FUNDING THROUGH THE A.C.A., THROUGH OUR
13 PRESENT SUBSTANCE ABUSE BEDS THAT WE GET NOW, AND TO HOW MANY
14 OF THEM EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE GOING TO BE IN A CONTAINED
15 SETTING, WHICH I THINK IS THE PROBLEM OR SOME KIND OF
16 DETENTION FACILITY, BUT I DO THINK WE NEED TO KNOW THAT
17 BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO BE THE MOST EXPENSIVE COST, AND YET
18 ESSENTIALLY NEEDS TO BE DONE. BUT THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR IT TO
19 BE FUNDED UNDER SOME KIND OF A MECHANISM. AND I THINK WHAT YOU
20 NEED TO DO IS OUTLINE THOSE KINDS OF THINGS FOR US AND LET US
21 KNOW WHAT KIND OF ACTIONS WE MIGHT ASSIST YOU IN, WHETHER IT
22 IS LEGISLATIVE APPROACHES-- I KNOW IT'S GOING TO BE FUNDING,
23 WE KNOW THAT. BUT IT MIGHT BE TO CREATE THE KIND OF
24 FLEXIBILITY WITHIN THE REGULATIONS THAT WE HAVE NOW OR THE
25 MECHANISMS THAT WE HAVE NOW TO ALLOW FOR THAT FUNDING TO

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1 OCCUR. BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO BE THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE. I
2 MEAN, YOU DIDN'T DEAL WITH THE OPERATIONAL COST HERE, BUT IT'S
3 GOING TO BE ASTRONOMICAL. AND YET AT THE END OF THE DAY WE'RE
4 PAYING ASTRONOMICAL COSTS NOW FOR ALL THE LIABILITY
5 INCURRENCES THAT WE GET BECAUSE WE'RE IN AN OLD FACILITY THAT
6 DOESN'T MEET THOSE KINDS OF NEEDS. SO WITH OUR MOTION, MIKE,
7 I'D LIKE TO ADD THAT COMPONENT OF GETTING PUBLIC HEALTH, THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES AS WELL AS MENTAL HEALTH TO
9 REALLY START WORKING ON A PATHWAY FORWARD AS TO HOW WE MIGHT,
10 DOESN'T MEAN IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN, HOW WE MIGHT APPROACH THE
11 CHALLENGE OF TRYING TO GET THESE BEDS, THESE FOLKS COVERED
12 UNDER THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT OR OTHER
13 MECHANISMS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR ANY OTHER MENTAL HEALTH
14 FUNDING THAT WE MIGHT GET. SO I'M GOING TO ADD THAT ON THERE.

15

16 **DR. MARVIN SOUTHARD:** THAT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA, SUPERVISOR, AND
17 THERE'S SEVERAL PATHS WE MIGHT EXPLORE WITH REGARD TO THAT.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW. IF YOU CAN COME
20 BACK AND WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 60-DAY, I THINK WE PUT A
21 60-DAYTIME LINE ON THAT, IF NOTHING ELSE, JUST TO LET US KNOW
22 WHAT OPPORTUNITIES WE MIGHT HAVE THERE.

23

24 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** HAPPY TO, SUPERVISOR.

25

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SAME TIMELINE THEN. MARK?

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. MIGHT I
4 BEGIN AGAIN BY ACKNOWLEDGING THE HARD WORK OF SEVERAL
5 INDIVIDUALS, BOTH THOSE WHO WERE CONTRACTED AS WELL AS THE
6 COUNTY STAFF FOR THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE. REFERENCE WAS MADE
7 EARLIER BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH TO A MOTION THAT WAS
8 INTRODUCED ON SEPTEMBER THE 17TH SEEKING TO RECONCILE THE JAIL
9 MASTER PLAN WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MEMORANDUM OF
10 AGREEMENT. PERMIT ME TO PURSUE THAT LINE OF REASONING AND
11 CONCERN AND SAY FROM THE OUTSET THAT I BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A
12 HIGH RECOGNITION THAT THE JAIL FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
13 ANGELES ABSOLUTELY MUST BE REPLACED. THE MODERNIZATION OF OUR
14 SYSTEM IS NOTHING SHORT OF A MANDATE FOR BOTH MORAL AND LEGAL
15 REASONS. IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO HEAR THE LANGUAGE OF INHUMANE
16 AND DEPLORABLE WHEN REFERENCING THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH
17 INMATES FIND THEMSELVES. NOW, THE QUESTION, ESSENTIALLY, COMES
18 DOWN TO THIS. ARE WE PREPARED TO EMBRACE THE PERSPECTIVE THAT
19 WE SHOULD MAXIMIZE THE TREATMENT POSSIBILITIES AND MODALITIES,
20 SHOULD WE MAXIMIZE PROMOTING REHABILITATION SHOULD BE
21 MAXIMIZED, REDUCING RECIDIVISM, AND IN WHAT SETTING THAT BEST
22 TAKES PLACE? AND ALL THE DATA, ALL THE DISCUSSION, ALL THE
23 PRESENTATION AT THIS POINT SEEMS TO MAKE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR
24 THAT OUR CHALLENGE IS HOW WE MOST HUMANELY TREAT THOSE THAT WE
25 CHARACTERIZE AS HAVING A MENTAL DISABILITY OR BEING MENTALLY

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1 ILL, AND IF, IN FACT, INCARCERATION IS THE BEST SOLUTION.
2 THAT'S THE CRUX OF THE MATTER. THAT'S THE POLICY QUESTION, IT
3 SEEMS TO ME. AND I WANT TO LOCK IN ON THAT JUST FOR A MOMENT.
4 THE DATA IS VERY CLEAR IN TERMS OF THE POPULATION WITH MENTAL
5 ILLNESS GROWING, FROM 10 PERCENT IN 2009 TO SOME 17 PERCENT IN
6 2013. WE KNOW THIS DATA FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ITSELF.
7 WE RELY ON THAT. AND THE ESTIMATES OF SOME 67 PERCENT OF THE
8 INMATES HAVE SOME SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS. WE KNOW THAT DATA
9 AND WE RELY ON ITS ACCURACY. WE KNOW, FURTHER, THAT THERE IS A
10 LOT THAT CAN BE AND SHOULD BE DONE. AND WE THINK ABOUT THE
11 APPROPRIATENESS OF THE CONTEXT IN WHICH WE ADVANCE, PROMOTE,
12 SAFEGUARD PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT ALWAYS HAS TO BE, IN MY VIEW,
13 JUXTAPOSED WITH THE VERY NOTION OF HOW WE TREAT THOSE WHO NEED
14 TO BE HEALED OR MADE BETTER OR WELL BECAUSE OF THEIR HEALTH
15 CONDITIONS, THEIR MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS. AND IF, IN FACT,
16 AN INCARCERATED ENVIRONMENT HEALS OR EXACERBATES. AND MY
17 UNREADINESS, MY CONCERN IS WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE ADEQUATELY
18 SOUGHT OUT THE WAY IN WHICH WE MAXIMIZE THAT POLICY POINT. I
19 DON'T SUGGEST THAT IT'S AN EASY ONE, A SIMPLE ONE. BE REMINDED
20 OF MY INITIAL REMARKS THAT THERE IS CLEAR EFFORT THAT HAS BEEN
21 MADE TO ADDRESS THEM NOT AS THOUGH THE NOTION OF DIVERSION IS
22 A REVOLUTIONARY CONCEPT. WE WOULDN'T BE EXACTLY BREAKING NEW
23 GROUND, BUT THE QUESTION REMAINS IN MY MIND AS TO WHETHER THE
24 DIVERSION SCENARIOS, ALTERNATIVES, OPTIONS, ARE NOT
25 UNDERDEVELOPED IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT'S BEFORE US. AND I SAY

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1 THIS AGAINST A BACKDROP OF WHAT WE'RE TALKING FROM A FISCAL
2 POINT OF VIEW AND A POLICY POINT OF VIEW CONJOINED IF WE HAVE
3 COME TO A POINT OF MAKING DECISIONS, ABOUT LIMITED RESOURCES,
4 SCARCE RESOURCES, LET US SAY IN THE AREA OF HEALTH OR AGAINST
5 PUBLIC SAFETY. THE PICTURE COULD VERY WELL LOOK LIKE, IF I USE
6 THE EXAMPLES THAT MY COLLEAGUE REFERENCED, L.A.C.+U.S.C.
7 MEDICAL CENTER, M.L.K. MEDICAL COMPLEX, LIMITED RESOURCES, AND
8 YOU REBUILD HOSPITALS THAT END UP BEING SMALLER, LESS BEDS,
9 AND WANT TO SHIFT TO THE DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW
10 ENFORCEMENT AND SO FORTH, YOU TALK ABOUT THE BUILDING OF JAILS
11 AND WE EFFECTIVELY TALK ABOUT BUILDING MORE BEDS. LESS IN
12 SCENARIO A, MORE IN SCENARIO B. AND SO I'M CHALLENGED IN THE
13 POINT, IN THAT SENSE OF HOW OUR PRIORITIES ROLL OUT, AND YET
14 I'M FUNDAMENTALLY CONVINCED AND CLEAR THAT WE HAVE AN
15 OBLIGATION TO PROTECT THE CITIZENRY OF THIS COUNTY WITH
16 APPROPRIATE, THAT IS, HUMANE, 21ST CENTURY CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT, WHICH MEANS THAT THE JAIL SYSTEM IN L.A. COUNTY
18 HAS TO BE UPGRADED, HAS TO BE MODERNIZED, IT HAS TO BE MADE
19 RIGHT. I RESPECT THE FACT THAT NO ONE HAS ASSERTED THAT D.O.J.
20 HAS SIGNED OFF ON WHETHER OR NOT THIS FITS THE CONCERNS THAT
21 THEY HAVE BEEN MONITORING IN THEIR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
22 OVER THE PAST DECADE, YET I DON'T THINK ANYBODY HERE IS IN ANY
23 WAY UNMINDFUL OF THAT AND SEEKING TO DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD
24 TRIGGER A PROBLEM AT THAT POINT. I DO FEEL VERY STRONGLY,
25 THOUGH, THAT THE ISSUE OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE NOTIONS

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1 OF DIVERSION ARE REALLY RATHER IMPORTANT. AND MR. CHAIRMAN AND
2 COLLEAGUES, LET ME THEN SHARE WITH YOU THIS READ-IN MOTION. IT
3 IS NOT TO BE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION. IT IS A MATTER OF
4 PROVIDING TREATMENT, PROMOTING REHABILITATION AND REDUCING
5 RECIDIVISM. AND I WISH TO CALL IT A 60-DAY INITIATIVE TO
6 DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PLAN FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS
7 ANGELES. AND SO COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PLAN IS THE MISSING
8 ELEMENT OF THE JAIL MASTER PLANNING ANALYSIS. WITHOUT ITS
9 INCLUSION, THE JAIL MASTER PLAN, IN MY VIEW, IS INCOMPLETE.
10 REGARDLESS OF THE SELECTIONS TO REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
11 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES MUST COMMIT TO DEVELOP AND FUND A
12 SUSTAINED PLAN TO DIVERT LOW-LEVEL OFFENDERS FROM
13 INCARCERATION WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL AND/OR ARE SUBSTANCE
14 ABUSERS. THE MENTALLY ILL, UNFORTUNATELY, ARE INCARCERATED AT
15 HIGHER RATES THAN PEOPLE WITHOUT MENTAL ILLNESS; AND MANY OF
16 THOSE INCARCERATED ALSO HAVE CO-OCCURRING SUBSTANCE ABUSE
17 DISORDERS. AND I MAKE THE POINT HERE THAT HOMELESSNESS IS A
18 COMMONALITY AMONG THE INCARCERATED AND MENTALLY ILL. DIVERSION
19 CAN ADDRESS THE UNTREATED MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
20 THAT IS OFTEN THE ROOT CAUSE OF CRIME, BY PROVIDING
21 APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT
22 AND JOB READINESS AND TRAINING AS WELL AS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
23 HOUSING WHEN IT IS NEEDED. THE MENTALLY ILL ARE STABILIZED AND
24 LESS LIKELY TO COMMIT FUTURE CRIMES. DIVERSION IS NOT A NEW
25 CONCEPT. MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND

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1 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAVE EFFECTIVE DIVERSION
2 PROGRAMS WITH THE POSITIVE OUTCOMES, INCLUDING REDUCED
3 RECIDIVISM FOR THE MENTALLY ILL WHO RECEIVED THOSE SERVICES.
4 RECIDIVISM REDUCTION MEANS LESS CRIME WITH FEWER VICTIMS,
5 THEREBY DECREASING INCARCERATION RATES. FEWER PEOPLE IN JAIL
6 RESULT IN LOWER COSTS ALL THE WAY AROUND. THE COSTS TO
7 INCARCERATE AND TREAT MENTALLY ILL AND CUSTODY IS FAR MORE
8 EXPENSIVE THAN TREATING MENTALLY ILL THROUGH DIVERSION
9 PROGRAMS, EVEN A PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
10 HOUSING. FOR EXAMPLE, IN MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, THEY HAVE
11 AN ANNUAL SAVINGS OF 2.5 MILLION, AND BEXAR COUNTY IN FLORIDA
12 SAVED IN EXCESS OF 5 MILLION IN THE LAST DATA THAT THEY
13 COLLECTED IN 2006. MORE WITH KEEPING PEOPLE WHO DO NOT NEED TO
14 BE IN JAIL OUT OF JAIL IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO. THE COUNTY'S
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY HAS BEEN LEADING EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A SOUND
16 PRE- AND POST ADJUDICATION DIVERSION PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP
17 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENTS OF PROBATION,
18 PUBLIC HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH, THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE
19 AND THE COUNTY-WIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE,
20 JUST TO NAME A FEW. IN OTHER WORDS, SOMETHING'S ALREADY IN
21 MOTION TO DO THIS GOOD WORK. AND I BELIEVE THIS PARTNERSHIP IS
22 IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IDENTIFIES THE MENTALLY ILL WHO SHOULD
23 AVOID JAIL BECAUSE TREATMENT IS SIMPLY A BETTER OPTION. BUT
24 THESE EFFORTS ARE INCOMPLETE WITHOUT A HOLISTIC AND
25 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, SUPPORTED BY A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT FROM

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1 THE COUNTY FOR A ROBUST DIVERSION SYSTEM, AND I WOULD SAY
2 NOW'S THE TIME TO PUT THAT IN PLACE. IT SEEMS TO ME TO MOVE
3 WITH THE GOOD WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE ON THE ONE HAND AND
4 LEAVE THIS UNATTENDED ON THE OTHER HAND IS PROBLEMATIC FROM A
5 POLICY POINT OF VIEW. AND ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY UTILIZES
6 DIVERSION PROGRAMS PRIMARILY FOR POST ADJUDICATION, THERE IS
7 NO COMPREHENSIVE OR INTEGRATED APPROACH TO DIVERSION. A ROBUST
8 DIVERSION PLAN WOULD PROVIDE ADEQUATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL
9 SERVICES, INCLUDING JOB TRAINING AT ALL STAGES OF THE CRIMINAL
10 JUSTICE CONTINUUM. FIRST, THE LAW ENFORCEMENT EMERGENCY
11 SERVICES. SECONDLY, POST ARREST AND PRE ADJUDICATION. THIRDLY,
12 COURTS POST ADJUDICATION ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND
13 FINALLY, COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY. THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT THE
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, IN PART, ARTICULATED; AND THESE ARE TIME-
15 TESTED NOTIONS THAT I THINK COULD MAKE OUR DIVERSION PLAN,
16 SHOULD WE ELECT TO DEVELOP SUCH, CREDIBLE. ANY COMMITMENT TO--
17 BY THE BOARD TO REPLACE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE
18 AN EQUALLY STRONG COMMITMENT TO AND FUND A COMPLETE DIVERSION
19 SYSTEM. SO I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
20 REQUEST THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH
21 THE SHERIFF, FIRE CHIEF, DIRECTORS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE
22 DEPARTMENTS, NAMED MENTAL HEALTH, HEALTH SERVICES, PUBLIC
23 HEALTH, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES,
24 PUBLIC DEFENDER, PROBATION, THE C.E.O., THE ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC
25 DEFENDER, THE COUNTY-WIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING

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1 COMMITTEE, THE MORE THE MERRIER AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, TO
2 MAKE SURE THAT WE UTILIZE THE APPROPRIATE CONSULTANTS WHO ARE
3 NECESSARY TO PUT THE PIECE IN PLACE TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE
4 ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION PROGRAMS USED
5 BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND CURRENTLY AVAILABLE PERMANENT
6 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AND REPORT BACK IN THE SAME TIME FRAME, THE
7 60 DAYS. ASSESSMENTS SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING. AND I WANT
8 TO DELINEATE THEM, IF YOU PLEASE. NEEDS ANALYSIS FOR THE
9 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION DIVERSION
10 SERVICES ALONG THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONTINUUM. IDENTIFICATION
11 OF GAPS, IF ANY, IN SERVICES INCLUDING HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WHO
12 HAVE SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS, ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE, INCLUDING
13 PRIMARY CARE, PSYCHIATRY, AND TREATMENT FOR ADDICTION AS WELL
14 AS ACCESS TO TRAINING AND JOBS NEED, IF ANY, FOR ADDITIONAL
15 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
16 DEVELOPMENT OF A COMPREHENSIVE DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR EACH
17 STAGE OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONTINUUM, IMPLEMENTATION
18 STRATEGY FOR DIVERTING A MINIMUM OF 1,000 INMATES, THE NUMBER
19 OF 1,000 HAS BEEN RAISED MORE THAN ONCE, SO LET'S LOCK IN ON
20 THAT. FOR ELIGIBLE, FOR REENTRY ANNUALLY OF THE FISCAL YEAR
21 BASIS STARTING WITH '14 THROUGH '15, AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
22 POLICY CHANGES AND TRAINING. AND, FINALLY, ANALYSIS OF COST
23 AND COST SAVINGS. DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO RETURN TO THE BOARD
24 DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2014 BUDGET DELIBERATIONS THAT IS IN
25 JUNE, RECOMMENDATION AND OPTIONS FOR FUNDING BASED UPON AN

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1 ASSESSMENT OF THE STAFFING, OPERATING AND BUDGETARY NEEDS OF
2 THE FOLLOWING: POPULATION MANAGEMENT AND DIVERSION UNIT THAT
3 INCLUDES AN AFFORDABLE CARE ACT TEAM THAT WOULD, ONE, IDENTIFY
4 THE SCREEN, INMATES-- IDENTIFY AND SCREEN INMATES FOR VARIOUS
5 DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND, TWO, LOCATE THE PROGRAM SOURCES AND
6 ANALYZE THE OUTCOMES TO INSURE RECIDIVISM REDUCTIONS." MR.
7 CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, I PUT THAT BEFORE US AS A
8 CONSIDERATION, COME BACK TO US IN 60 DAYS AND TRY TO BEEF UP
9 THE NOTION OF WHAT DIVERSION COULD MEAN. NOW IS THE TIME TO DO
10 SO, TO LEAN HEAVILY ON CONSTRUCTION AND HAVE THAT BE THE
11 ULTIMATE PERCEPTION AS TO WHAT THE BOARD IS DOING CAN SURELY
12 BE OFFSET IN AN APPROPRIATE WAY BY DEVELOPING WHAT I WOULD
13 HOPE TO BE A CREDIBLE DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT'S ROBUST,
14 AUTHENTIC AND WOULD HEAL THE PERSONS IN QUESTION AND HELP HEAL
15 OUR BUDGET AS IT RELATES TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WE SPEND THAT
16 COULD BE AVOIDED. I THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I SECOND THE MOTION.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD JUST ASK, THERE'S MANY PARTS
23 THAT ARE DUPLICATE OF THE ORIGINAL MOTION, THAT SOMEHOW
24 WHATEVER WE CAN COMBINE, WE COMBINED? YOU KNOW, THAT WE DON'T
25 GET MULTIPLE REPORTS, ASKING THEM TO BE BE REDUNDANT, BECAUSE

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1 THERE ARE A LOT OF PIECES INSIDE OF HERE THAT WERE ADDRESSED
2 IN THE ORIGINAL MOTION. SO I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS
3 SUPPORTING EITHER ONE OF THEM, BUT FROM A DUPLICATIVE
4 STANDPOINT, THAT WE COMBINE WHERE WE CAN.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT MAKES SENSE.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET THE STAFF SORT THAT OUT.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S WHAT I MEANT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF I COULD, MR. CHAIRMAN, ASK MARK TO
13 INCLUDE IN HIS MOTION AS PART OF THE REPORT BACK TO
14 SPECIFICALLY EXAMINE OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE AFFORDABLE CARE
15 ACT TO FUND THESE PROGRAMS. IT'S ALSO INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL
16 MOTION, BUT SPECIFICALLY FOR THESE DIVERSION PROGRAMS, I THINK
17 IT WOULD BE HELPFUL--

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN I'D LIKE TO BE HEARD AT SOME POINT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. BOTH MOTIONS BEEN MOVED AND
24 SECONDED. ZEV, DID YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT?

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING,
2 RIGHT?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK EVERYBODY WHO HAS
7 BEEN WORKING ON THIS. I KNOW IT'S BEEN A DIFFICULT AND
8 COMPLICATED AND IT CERTAINLY HAS BEEN FOR US. I HAVE A
9 SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT TAKE ON THIS. PARTLY BECAUSE I THINK THE
10 TRAIN LEFT THE STATION A LONG TIME AGO ABOUT HOW THIS WAS
11 GOING TO BE STRUCTURED. AND THAT'S FINE. NOT FINE FOR ME, BUT
12 IT'S WHERE THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD IS AT. BUT I THINK THE
13 TIME TO LOOK AT THE ALTERNATIVES TO BUILDING A \$2 BILLION JAIL
14 WITH NO NEW BEDS IN IT, SOMETHING WE NEED TO DO, WE NEED TO
15 REPLACE THE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE THAT
16 ORIGINALLY THE COST THAT WAS OFFERED TO REPLACE THE MEN'S
17 CENTRAL JAIL WAS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 7 AND \$900 MILLION. I
18 CHOKED ON THAT NUMBER. THEN IT BALLOONED ABOUT A YEAR AGO,
19 WELL, LESS THAN A YEAR AGO TO \$1.3 BILLION. AND THEN WE WENT
20 WITH, WE CONTRACTED WITH VANIR TO DO THIS INDEPENDENT STUDY,
21 AND LO AND BEHOLD IN A SPAN OF 10 MONTHS, 10, 11 MONTHS, THE
22 COST BALLOONED TO 1.98 BILLION, AND NOT ALL THE COSTS ARE
23 INCLUDED. THAT'S JUST THE CAPITAL COSTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE
24 COSTS OF DEMOLISHING THE COST OF THE EXISTING PARKING GARAGE
25 WHERE THE NEW JAIL IS GOING TO GO IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS. THE

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1 COST OF BUILDING THE NEW GARAGE THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO
2 REPLACE THE OLD GARAGE IS NOT INCLUDED IN THIS. THAT COULD BE,
3 THOSE TWO THINGS ALONE, IN THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. SO
4 YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A ROCKET SCIENTIST TO SAY WHAT'S-- HOW
5 MUCH CONFIDENCE CAN ONE HAVE THAT THESE NUMBERS ARE ANY GOOD?
6 THEN I LEARNED THIS MORNING THAT THE VANIR-- I THINK IT CAME
7 FROM VANIR, IF IT DIDN'T, I APOLOGIZE, BUT IT CAME THROUGH MY
8 STAFF-- THAT THERE IS A POTENTIAL SWING IN THE COSTS OF SOME
9 SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 20 AND 30 PERCENT. THESE NUMBERS, THESE
10 ESTIMATES ON THE CAPITAL SIDE HAVE A 20 TO 30 PERCENT SWING. I
11 ASSUME THAT MEANS IT COULD GO DOWN BY 20, 30 PERCENT, OR UP.
12 I'M TAKING BETS THAT THEY'RE GOING UP. ANYBODY WANT TO GET IN
13 THAT BED, I'LL BE HAPPY TO TALK TO THEM AFTER THE MEETING. SO
14 THERE'S A 20 TO 30 PERCENT UNCERTAINTY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER
15 ABOUT THE COST. THEN THERE'S THE OPERATING COSTS. I WANT TO
16 REMIND MY COLLEAGUES. I DON'T THINK THEY NEED TO ANY REMINDING
17 THAT WHEN THIS WAS ORIGINALLY DISCUSSED A COUPLE THREE YEARS
18 AGO, THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE OPERATIONAL
19 SAVINGS BY REPLACING MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL. THE OPERATIONAL
20 SAVINGS WOULD BE THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE FEWER DEPUTIES,
21 DEPUTIES WHO GET PAID A LOT OF MONEY. THEY'RE WORTH EVERY
22 PENNY OF IT. THEY GET A PUBLIC SAFETY PENSION. THEY'RE WORTH
23 EVERY PENNY OF IT. BUT WE WOULD HAVE FEWER DEPUTIES IN THE NEW
24 CONFIGURATION BECAUSE THEY'D BE ABLE, IN THE PODULAR SYSTEM,
25 THEY'D BE ABLE TO SEE THE WHOLE MODULE WITHOUT HAVING TO HAVE

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1 MULTIPLE DEPUTIES WALKING UP AND DOWN THE CORRIDORS CHECKING
2 PEOPLE OUT AND MAKING SURE EVERYTHING IS UNDER CONTROL. SO
3 THERE WAS GOING TO BE A SAVINGS. AND I REMEMBER SPEAKING WITH
4 MY GOOD FRIEND JAN TAKATA AND MR. FUJIOKA, THAT BETWEEN THE
5 DEBT SERVICE THAT NO LONGER WILL HAVE TO BE PAID ON THE TWIN
6 TOWERS AND THE OPERATIONAL SAVINGS, THAT WOULD PUT A BIG DENT
7 IN THE ANNUAL DEBT SERVICE AND OPERATIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED
8 WITH THIS NEW FACILITY. WELL, LO AND BEHOLD, THE COSTS OF
9 OPERATIONS IS GOING TO GO UP BY \$213 MILLION, UP FROM
10 SOMEWHERE IN THE 200 SOMETHING MILLION DOLLARS RANGE TO 400
11 SOMETHING. THE ACTUAL PART OF THAT THAT DEALS WITH MEN'S
12 CENTRAL JAIL IS SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 35 AND 40 PERCENT INCREASE
13 IN COST, NOT AN OPERATIONAL SAVINGS, BUT AN OPERATIONAL COST
14 INCREASE. SO, YOU CAN'T FAULT SOMEBODY FROM SAYING, YOU KNOW,
15 THAT THIS ISN'T READY FOR PRIME TIME. AND I DON'T KNOW WHEN IT
16 WILL BE READY FOR PRIME TIME, BUT YET WE'RE BEING ASKED TODAY
17 TO PULL THE TRIGGER ON AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THIS
18 PROJECT, YEAH, AND DESIGN FOR THIS PROJECT. AND WE'LL LEARN
19 MORE ABOUT THE COST OF DESIGN ONCE WE SPENT THE \$30 MILLION
20 THAT WE'RE ABOUT TO SPEND ON AECOM AND THE OTHER COMPANY TO DO
21 THIS ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY. AND THEN YOU HAD THE DISTRICT
22 ATTORNEY OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CAME BEFORE US AN HOUR
23 OR TWO AGO AND SHE INDICATED THAT SHE HAD CONVENED A
24 TASKFORCE, JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY WHO'S ANYBODY IN THE FIELD OF
25 MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND DIVERSION. THAT'S A

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1 REMARKABLE DEVELOPMENT. I DON'T THINK IT'S BEEN SUFFICIENTLY--
2 [APPLAUSE.] -- I DON'T THINK IT'S BEEN SUFFICIENTLY
3 ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THIS COUNTY, WHO IS
4 A KEY PART OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MOSAIC, HAS SAID THERE'S
5 ANOTHER WAY, OR THERE MAY BE ANOTHER WAY AND WE OUGHT TO LOOK
6 AT THAT OTHER WAY. AND IT WOULD BE-- TO ME IT'S COMMON SENSE
7 THAT IF WE HAD A PANEL CONVENED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
8 HERSELF TO ADDRESS THESE KINDS OF ISSUES, THAT IN SOME FASHION
9 BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME WE ACTUALLY ENTER INTO A CONTRACT
10 WITH A.E. COM FOR THE \$30 MILLION OF WORK, THAT WE WOULD GIVE
11 HER-- AND GIVE US-- THE RESPECT AND THE-- HAVE THE INFORMATION
12 AVAILABLE TO US THAT MAYBE SHE CAN PUT TOGETHER. AND MAYBE IT
13 HAS AN INFLUENCE OVER THE SCOPE, THE SCALE OF THIS PARTICULAR
14 PROJECT. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, I LOVE YOU, TERRI, I THINK
15 YOU'RE THE BEST THING THAT'S HAPPENED TO THE SHERIFF'S
16 DEPARTMENT, EXCEPT FOR JOHN SCOTT. [LAUGHTER.] BUT THE WAY YOU
17 FIND OUT WHETHER-- THE WAY YOU FIND OUT WHETHER YOU CAN
18 DEVELOP CAPACITY OR WHETHER THERE IS CAPACITY FOR A DIVERSION
19 PROGRAM IS NOT TO THROW OUT AN R.F.P. AND SAY WHO'S
20 INTERESTED? YOU GOT TO GO OUT AND SELL IT. THAT'S NOT YOUR
21 JOB. IN A WAY, IT'S OUR JOB, IT'S MENTAL HEALTH'S JOB, IT'S
22 ALL OF US COLLECTIVELY. I'M NOT SURPRISED YOU DIDN'T GET A LOT
23 OF TAKERS. AND IT'S GOING TO BE HARD WORK. BUT WHEN MONEY IS
24 AVAILABLE, AND THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1.3 BILLION AND 2
25 BILLION IS ABOUT \$700 MILLION, A PORTION OF THAT \$700 MILLION

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1 WOULD FUND A LOT OF DIVERSION PROGRAMS IN THIS COUNTY. AND MY
2 BET IS THERE WOULD BE SOME INTEREST IN THAT AT THAT POINT.
3 PLEASE-- [APPLAUSE.] -- PLEASE, I DON'T NEED ANY APPLAUSE. I'M
4 TERMED OUT. [LAUGHTER.] I'M SURE IT MAKES A FEW PEOPLE HAPPY.
5 IT WOULD FUND QUITE A BIT AND INTEREST QUITE A BIT OF CAPACITY
6 BUILDING IN EVERY PART OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHAT
7 BOTHERS ME ABOUT WHERE WE ARE TODAY IS THAT I DON'T BELIEVE
8 THERE WAS A SERIOUS EFFORT MADE AT CONSIDERING THESE
9 ALTERNATIVES AS VANIR WAS DOING ITS REPORT. I LISTENED
10 CAREFULLY TO YOUR REPORT. I'VE READ YOUR REPORT. AND UNLESS IT
11 WAS OVERLOOKED IN THE WRITING OF THE REPORT, I BELIEVE YOU DID
12 WHAT TOLD TO DO OR WHAT YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE TOLD TO DO, WHICH
13 WAS: WE WANT TO REPLACE THE MEN'S JAIL. WE WANT TO REPLACE IT
14 WITH A FACILITY THAT HAS MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES, AND THAT'S
15 AS FAR AS IT WENT. IT WAS IN THAT BOX. YOU DIDN'T LOOK
16 SERIOUSLY, I DON'T BELIEVE, IT MAY BE SERIOUSLY IN THE EYES OF
17 THE BEHOLDER, BUT WE GOT NOTHING REALLY SUBSTANTIVE ABOUT
18 WHAT'S BEING DONE IN SAN ANTONIO, WHAT'S BEING DONE IN MIAMI,
19 WHAT'S BEING DONE IN SAN FRANCISCO THAT'S WORKING AND HOW
20 COULD WE MAKE THAT WORK? HOW COULD WE SCALE THAT UP HERE? I
21 DON'T THINK THAT WAS WHAT YOU CONSIDERED TO BE A SERIOUS PART
22 OF YOUR CHARGE. I'M NOT FAULTING YOU FOR IT. I JUST DON'T
23 THINK IT WAS. AND I THINK I HAVE BEEN, AS A MEMBER OF THIS
24 BOARD, SOMEWHAT SHORTCHANGED BY NOT HAVING THAT INFORMATION
25 AVAILABLE TO ME AS I'M BEING ASKED TO MAKE A DECISION, A \$2

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1 BILLION DECISION. AND IT'S MORE THAN, IT'S 2 BILLION TO BUILD
2 THE THING. IT'S AN ADDITIONAL \$215 MILLION A YEAR TO OPERATE
3 THIS THING. AND OF COURSE WITH ESCALATING COSTS EVERY YEAR
4 THEREAFTER. SO THE ANNUAL COST OF THIS PROJECT WITHOUT HAVING
5 ANY ALTERNATIVES OTHER THAN TWO TOWERS, ONE SKYSCRAPER TOWER,
6 3500 BEDS, 5,000 BEDS, BUT NOTHING BEYOND THE BOX, NOTHING IN
7 THE WAY OF DIVERSION, WHICH IS WORKING ELSEWHERE. AND A LOT OF
8 RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE, NOT JUST, YOU KNOW, ANY TOM, DICK OR
9 HARRY, BUT PEOPLE WHO TOIL IN THESE VINEYARDS PROFESSIONALLY
10 WHO SAY THIS CAN BE DONE, WE HAVE JUST NEVER DONE IT ON THIS
11 SCALE. WE DO IT, MARV IS RIGHT. BUT WE HAVEN'T SCALED IT UP.
12 AND IF WE DON'T TRY TO SCALE IT UP, WE WON'T SCALE IT UP. THE
13 OLD SAYING GOES WAYNE GRETSKY DIDN'T MAKE 100 PERCENT OF THE
14 SHOTS HE DIDN'T TAKE. SO WE NEED TO TAKE A SHOT. AND SEE IF WE
15 CAN PUT THAT TOGETHER. SO I THINK THIS IS A REAL-- PROBABLY
16 WE'VE GONE BEYOND THE CROSSROADS ON THIS. AND I'M
17 DISAPPOINTED. I WANT TO ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS OF THE
18 PEOPLE WHO SPOKE EARLIER AT THE TABLE. IT WAS MENTIONED THAT
19 THE C.E.O. WAS INVOLVED IN THIS STUDY. MR. FUJIOKA, WHAT WAS
20 THE EXTENT OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT AND YOUR OFFICE'S INVOLVEMENT
21 IN THE VANIR STUDY? AND PLEASE BE DIRECT, IF YOU CHOOSE.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT'S VERY DIFFICULT QUESTION. THIS EFFORT WAS
24 LED BY VANIR. THEY WORKED DIRECTLY WITH OUR DEPARTMENTS. THERE
25 WERE INSTANCES WHERE WE WERE NOT INVOLVED IN THOSE MEETINGS.

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1 IT WAS-- I BELIEVE THEIR WORK WAS CONSISTENT WITH THE MOTION
2 APPROVED BY THIS BOARD THAT VANIR WOULD TAKE THE LEAD AND
3 WOULD COMPLETE THIS PROJECT BY DIRECT INTERACTIONS WITH THE
4 DEPARTMENTS. WE HAD ASKED TO BE IN SEVERAL MEETINGS. THERE WAS
5 A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WHERE THEY ACTED ALONE. WE ASKED FOR
6 ONGOING REPORTS. WE EVEN ASKED FOR A SHARE POINT PROCESS TO BE
7 DEVELOPED TO KEEP US APPRISED OF THE WORK AND THE PROGRESS
8 TOWARDS THIS EFFORT. BUT OUR INVOLVEMENT WAS NOT AS DIRECT AS
9 I WOULD HAVE LIKED IT TO BE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF I CAN ASK THE VANIR PEOPLE, WHEN YOU
12 WENT AND TALKED TO DEPARTMENTS AND ASKED THEM WHAT THEY
13 THOUGHT THEY NEEDED, WHAT THE SHERIFF NEEDED IN THE NEW
14 FACILITY, WHAT D.M.H. NEEDED IN THE NEW FACILITY, WAS THERE
15 ANYBODY IN THE ROOM OR AFTER THAT CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE IN
16 YOUR ROOM WHO TOOK A SCALPEL TO THE COST FIGURES THAT WERE
17 STARTING TO PILE UP AS THEY PILED UP TOWARDS \$1.98 BILLION?
18 DID ANYBODY TAKE A CRITICAL LOOK FINANCIALLY LOOK AT THIS? OR
19 DID YOU JUST ACCEPT WHAT THE DEPARTMENTS HAD GIVEN YOU BECAUSE
20 THAT'S THEIR EXPERTISE?

21

22 **ROB NASH:** WE DIDN'T NECESSARILY ACCEPT WHAT WAS GIVEN TO US.
23 WE ASKED THE DEPARTMENTS, PARTICULARLY D.M.H. AND D.P.H. AND
24 THE SHERIFF TO DEVELOP PROGRAMS THAT DESCRIBED WHAT THEY WERE
25 TRYING TO ACHIEVE. AND WE LOOKED AT WAYS TO ACCOMMODATE THAT

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1 PROGRAM WITH SPACE. NOW, A LOT OF THESE THINGS END UP BEING
2 SORT OF NUMERICAL EXERCISES. IF THERE'S A CERTAIN NUMBER OF
3 INMATES THAT NEED X NUMBER OF PROGRAMMING HOURS PER WEEK, WE
4 CAN CALCULATE HOW MANY SPACES THEY NEED TO PHYSICALLY DO THAT.
5 WHAT WE DID DO AND ONE OF THE REASONS WHY IS KEN RAY WITH
6 R.J.S. JUSTICE SERVICES WAS BROUGHT ON WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT
7 THE PROGRAMS THAT WERE BEING PROPOSED WERE CONSISTENT WITH
8 WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE LARGER JUSTICE COMMUNITY, AND IF THEY
9 WERE OUT OF BOUNDS IN SOME WAY THEN WE NEEDED TO KNOW THAT.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET ME ASK YOU A QUESTION. DID YOU SAY IN
12 ANY INSTANCE, THAT WON'T FLY, THAT'S TOO EXPENSIVE, THAT
13 DIDN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME? NAME ME ONE THING YOU DIDN'T ACCEPT
14 FROM THE DEPARTMENTS.

15

16 **ROB NASH:** WELL, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PLACES WHERE WE WENT
17 BACK AND ASKED FOLKS TO RECONSIDER EITHER NUMBER OF HOURS OF
18 PROGRAMMING THEY WERE OFFERING IN A DAY, BECAUSE THE MORE
19 PROGRAMS YOU DO IN A DAY, THE MORE INTENSELY YOU'RE USING THAT
20 SPACE OPPOSED TO NEEDING MORE SPACES, IN ONE CASE, CONCERNING
21 THE OUTDOOR REC YARDS. THESE WERE, AGAIN, SORT OF A NUMERICAL
22 THING. WE ASKED THE SHERIFF, IS THERE SOME WAY WE CAN REDUCE
23 THE AMOUNT OF SPACE BECAUSE IT'S REALLY GETTING QUITE LARGE,
24 THESE OUTDOOR REC AREAS FOR H.O.H. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WENT
25 BACK AND DEVELOPED THE SCENARIO WHERE INSTEAD OF DOING EIGHT

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1 OR NINE HOURS A DAY OF OUTDOOR REC TIME, THERE'S 14 HOURS OF
2 OUTDOOR REC TIME.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW WOULD YOU SAY THAT IF YOU-- THE COST IS
5 NOW 1.98 BILLION. HOW HIGH DID IT GET AT ONE POINT BEFORE YOU
6 STARTED SHAVING SOME COSTS OFF?

7

8 **ROB NASH:** I THINK OUR INITIAL ESTIMATE ON THE-- YOU'RE TALKING
9 ABOUT THE 1.98 IS FOR OPTION 1-B.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M TALKING ABOUT THE TWO TOWERS, 1-B.

12

13 **ROB NASH:** AT ONE POINT THAT NUMBER WAS AT ABOUT 2.3.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHERE DID THAT \$300 MILLION COME FROM
16 WHEN YOU SHAVED IT OFF?

17

18 **ROB NASH:** THERE WERE VARIOUS SCENARIOS THAT WE DIDN'T REPLACE
19 CERTAIN FACILITIES, SUCH AS PARKING GARAGES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU CAN'T NOT REPLACE PARKING GARAGES.

22 YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO REPLACE THE PARKING GARAGES. YOU JUST
23 DIDN'T INCLUDE THEM IN YOUR COSTS.

24

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1 **ROB NASH:** NO. THAT'S ACTUALLY NOT THE CASE. THE PARKING GARAGE
2 IN CHINATOWN IS INCLUDED WITHIN OUR ESTIMATE. THE DEMOLITION
3 OF THE TWO-STORY PARKING DECK AND THE ARRAIGNMENT COURTS IS
4 INCLUDED IN OUR COST ESTIMATE. WHAT ISN'T INCLUDED IS THE
5 FOUR-STORY GARAGE. THE ORIGINAL IDEA WAS THAT THAT WOULD BE
6 TAKEN DOWN. AT THE COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION, IT WOULD BE
7 REBUILT WITH A NEW BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITY. THAT WAS
8 ELIMINATED FROM THE PROJECT, AND THE EXISTING FOUR-STORY
9 GARAGE IS TO REMAIN IN PLACE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT DOESN'T ADD UP TO ME, BUT THAT'S
12 OKAY. CAN I ASK THE QUESTION? I'VE HEARD THE CONVERSATION
13 ABOUT WHY TWO TOWERS VERSUS ONE TOWER. THE PRIMARY ISSUE THAT
14 I'VE HEARD IS THAT ONE TO TOWER WOULD NOT COMPORT WITH THE
15 ZONING CODES OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. IS THAT THE PRIMARY
16 REASON? BECAUSE IT'S CHEAPER TO BUILD ONE TOWER THAN TWO.

17

18 **ROB NASH:** IT REALLY WASN'T AN ISSUE OF THE ZONING CODE.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS IT?

21

22 **ROB NASH:** AT A CERTAIN POINT, WE WERE GOING TO, I THINK, REACH
23 A HEIGHT THAT I'M NOT SURE THAT THERE ARE MANY OTHER
24 FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY THAT ARE THAT TALL.

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW HIGH WOULD IT HAVE BEEN?

2

3 **ROB NASH:** IT WOULD HAVE BEEN SOMETHING ON THE ORDER OF 40
4 STORIES.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND HOW TALL ARE THE TWO TOWERS GOING TO BE?

7

8 **ROB NASH:** EACH OF THE TOWERS ARE ROUGHLY 16 STORIES. THEY'RE
9 DOUBLE HEIGHT STORIES. THOUGH EACH ONE IS ABOUT 8 STORIES.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO TWO TOWERS IS 16 STORIES EACH, BUT ONE
12 TOWER WAS GOING TO BE 40 STORIES?

13

14 **ROB NASH:** WELL, WHEN I WAS TALKING ABOUT THE 40 STORIES WAS
15 ACTUALLY ON THAT FIRST SITE I TALKED ABOUT, WHICH WOULD ALLOW
16 FEWER BEDS PER FLOOR. WHEN WE MOVED TO THE SOUTH SITE, THAT
17 GOT US MORE HOUSING UNITS PER FLOOR, WHICH BROUGHT THE HEIGHT
18 OF THE BUILDING DOWN. THAT ONE STORY, OR ONE TOWER SOLUTION,
19 THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN ABOUT 36 STORIES, 34 STORIES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M GOING TO BE INTERESTED TO HEAR WHAT SOME
22 OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE GOING TO HAVE TO SAY ABOUT
23 THIS. I'M JUST-- I'LL TELL YOU, THE STICKER SHOCK ON THIS AND
24 MORE IMPORTANTLY THE STICKER SHOCK ON WHAT I THINK IS COMING
25 BECAUSE ALL OF US HAVE BEEN AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT IF

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1 YOU'RE TELLING US IT'S 2 BILLION TODAY, IT'S NOT GOING TO GO
2 DOWN. AND IT'S ONLY GOING TO GO UP. AND WHILE IT'S TRUE THAT
3 WE REPLACED THE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER, MOST OF THE MONEY CAME
4 TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THANKS TO THE EARTHQUAKE. AND
5 A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF THE MONEY AT M.L.K. IS ALSO
6 FEDERAL/STATE MONEY. THIS, EVERY NICKEL OF THIS, AT LEAST FOR
7 THE SAKE OF ARGUMENT AT THIS POINT, IS COMING OUT OF THE
8 GENERAL FUND. AND WHATEVER WE CAN RAKE OFF ON THE AFFORDABLE
9 CARE ACT AND ANYTHING ELSE THAT MITIGATES THAT TO SOME DEGREE.
10 BUT THE REST OF THAT IS COMING, THE LION'S SHARE IS GOING TO
11 COME, NO MATTER WHAT, FROM THE GENERAL FUND. AND THAT IS A
12 VERY STEEP PRICE. I KNOW THERE'S NEVER BEEN A \$2 BILLION
13 BORROWING FOR A PROJECT OR BOND ISSUE FOR A CAPITAL PROJECT IN
14 THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTY. I DOUBT IF THERE ARE MANY, IF ANY,
15 OF COMPARABLE SIZES FOR ANY MUNICIPALITY ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
16 \$2 BILLION COST. I DON'T WANT TO JUST FOCUS ON THE COST. BUT
17 THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT THE DIVERSION. I DON'T WANT
18 TO HAVE TO REPEAT IT. I DISASSOCIATE MYSELF COMPLETELY WITH
19 WHAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAD TO SAY ON THAT SUBJECT. BUT
20 THE COST ISSUE HERE, I DON'T THINK THERE'S BEEN ENOUGH
21 ATTENTION TO HOW YOU CAN BRING THAT COST DOWN. WHAT, TERRI,
22 YOU SAID, YOU CAN HAVE A DEPUTY, YOU COULD HAVE A TECHNICIAN.
23 YOU CAN HAVE AN EXECUTIVE, YOU CAN HAVE A PEON. THE COST
24 DIFFERENTIAL. SO WHAT ASSUMPTIONS WERE MADE? ARE WE TALKING
25 ABOUT HIGH PRICED PEOPLE OR ARE WE TALKING ABOUT THE LOWEST

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1 PRICED PEOPLE? WHAT'S THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT WERE MADE HERE AS
2 FAR AS OPERATIONAL COSTS ARE CONCERNED?

3

4 **TERRI MCDONALD:** MR. SUPERVISOR, IT WAS GENERALLY WHAT WE DO
5 TODAY. AND IT WAS ALSO BASED ON KIND OF A ROUGH DESIGN. I
6 THINK WHAT'S BEING RECOMMENDED IS THAT WE USE AECOM TO DO SOME
7 EFFICIENCY DESIGN. BECAUSE, YOU'RE RIGHT IN SOME PERSPECTIVES.
8 WE MAY HAVE ASKED FOR MORE SPACE THAN WE REALLY NEED.
9 SUBSTANCE ABUSE MAY HAVE ASKED FOR, MARV MAY HAVE ASKED FOR
10 MORE THAN WE NEED. WE ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OVER THE NEXT
11 SEVEN OR EIGHT YEARS TO SAY: DO WE REALLY NEED DEPUTIES TO BE
12 SOCIAL WORKERS IN THESE MENTAL HEALTH UNITS? COULDN'T WE LOOK
13 FOR A COUNTY, LIKE A PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIAN TO DRIVE PRICES
14 DOWN? I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT DIVERSION.
15 WE HAVE BEEN WORKING--

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU DO THAT, IF I COULD JUST ASK THE
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, LACEY, TO COME OUT HERE WHILE WE'RE TALKING
19 ABOUT THIS? I WANT TO ASK HER A LAST QUESTION. I DON'T WANT TO
20 WASTE HER TIME. GO AHEAD.

21

22 **TERRI MCDONALD:** SO WE KIND OF CONNED MADAME DISTRICT ATTORNEY
23 LACEY INTO HELPING WITH DIVERSION. AND I THINK SHE WOULD TELL
24 YOU THAT'S PROBABLY TRUE.

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU'RE A CON ARTIST?

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3 **TERRI MCDONALD:** A LITTLE BIT, SIR.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ISN'T THAT A CRIME?

6

7 **TERRI MCDONALD:** AS PART OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE,
8 D.M.H., SUBSTANCE ABUSE, WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON DIVERSION. THE
9 DISTRICT ATTORNEY TOOK AN INCREDIBLE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN
10 SAYING, I'LL TAKE ON THE MENTAL HEALTH DIVERSION. AND SHE'LL
11 LEAD THAT INITIATIVE. WE'RE ALSO IN AN INITIATIVE WITH OUR
12 FRIENDS IN S.A.P.S.I. ABOUT DRUG TREATMENT DIVERSION. SO, I
13 DON'T THINK THE RIGHT SOLUTION IS JUST BUILD, BUILD, BUILD,
14 BUILD. IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE, IT'S NOT SUSTAINABLE. I THINK IT'S
15 A POLICY THAT NEEDS TO GO FORWARD IN TANDEM WITH EACH OTHER. I
16 THINK THE CHALLENGE IS GOING TO BE: WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE
17 DON'T KNOW. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY NOR I NOR DR. SOUTHARD CAN
18 TELL YOU WHAT THE A.D.P. REDUCTION, THE BED REDUCTION WILL BE
19 BEHIND DIVERSION. IT MAY TAKE YEARS TO KNOW THAT ANSWER. AND
20 SO THAT'S WHY I'M AFRAID YOU WILL COLLECTIVELY GET FRUSTRATED
21 WITH US BECAUSE YOU'LL SAY COME BACK IN 60 DAYS, TERRI, AND
22 TELL ME HOW MANY MENTALLY ILL WE CAN DIVERT. I'M NOT GOING TO
23 KNOW THAT. IT'S A DIALOGUE WE HAVE TO ENGAGE IN FREQUENTLY,
24 ROBUSTLY. IT'S NOT FREE, AND YOU'VE ALREADY MENTIONED THAT. SO
25 TO ME, THE CONCEPT IS TO RUN ALONG PARALLEL TRACKS. START THE

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1 DIVERSION. SEE WHAT THE IMPACT IS. HIRE A DESIGN COMPANY TO
2 COME IN AND DESIGN THE FACILITY. THEN WE CAN RUN OPERATIONAL
3 COSTS BASED ON REALITY VERSUS A PROGRAM DESIGN. AND THAT'S
4 KIND OF WHERE FROM MY PERSPECTIVE WE ARE.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY LACEY, I JUST WANTED TO
7 GIVE YOU-- ASK YOU A QUESTION BASED ON YOUR PRESENTATION
8 EARLIER. IF YOU HAD YOUR DRUTHERS, WOULD YOU PREFER THAT THE
9 FINAL DECISION ON WHAT THE JAIL'S GOING TO LOOK LIKE BE HELD
10 UNTIL YOUR TASKFORCE COMPLETES ITS WORK? AND I DON'T KNOW HOW
11 LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE YOUR TASKFORCE TO COMPLETE ITS WORK?
12 BUT COULD YOU ADDRESS THAT ISSUE?

13

14 **JACKIE LACEY:** WELL, I THINK THAT DECISION IS FOR YOU. I WANT
15 TO MAKE SURE I STAY IN MY LANE. AND HERE IS MY LANE. AND THE
16 REASON I THOUGHT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KNOW IT. I WAS
17 DRAFTED BY TERRI AND MARV TO GET TOGETHER AND SEE IF WE COULD
18 VERY, AS ADULTS, SIT DOWN AND TALK ABOUT WHAT WE COULD DO
19 BETTER TO DIVERT THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY ILL. I AGREE WITH
20 EVERY STITCH OF TESTIMONY THAT SAYS THAT MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL,
21 SUPERVISOR, IS DESPERATELY IN NEED OF A REPLACEMENT.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK ANYBODY DISAGREES.

24

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1 **JACKIE LACEY:** NO QUESTION ABOUT IT. IT IS VERY-- I HAVE SEEN
2 THE BUNK BEDS. I HAVE BEEN IN THE A.B.109 DORM. I HAVE SEEN
3 THE CONDITIONS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. AND WE DO NEED A BETTER
4 JAIL, A MORE STATE-OF-THE-ART JAIL. THE ONLY REASON I'M HERE
5 IS WHATEVER THIS GROUP WHO IS IN CHARGE OF DECIDING WHAT WE'RE
6 GOING TO DO WITH THE JAIL IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SHERIFF,
7 THAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND THAT IT'S A SERIOUS
8 EFFORT. IT'S NOT "LET'S JUST MEET AND FEEL GOOD." I WAS
9 LISTENING TO DR. SOUTHARD. NOW DR. SOUTHARD ASKED FOR ME TO
10 GET INVOLVED IN THIS. BUT IF YOU WERE LISTENING TO HIM, YOU
11 MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN THE IMPRESSION THAT WE'RE ALREADY DIVERTING
12 PEOPLE AT THE RATE THAT WE SHOULD AND EVERYTHING'S OKAY. I
13 THINK HE'D BE THE FIRST TO TELL YOU, THAT'S NOT TRUE. WITH
14 1200 PEOPLE, WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO FIND IS THAT PROBABLY MOST
15 OF THEM ARE PROBABLY THE CITY ATTORNEY MISDEMEANOR CASES, THE
16 LOWER LEVEL END. AND 1200 IS NOT GOING TO REALLY ADDRESS OR
17 SOLVE WHAT WE HAVE GOING ON. WE HAVE THE NEXT LEVEL UP THAT WE
18 NEED TO LOOK AT, PEOPLE WHO ARE CLEARLY COULD DO SOMETHING
19 VERY PROFOUNDLY DIFFERENT THAT WILL SET THEM ON THE PATH OF
20 RECOVERY, OF LEADING A LAW-ABIDING LIFE. SO I'M NOT HERE TO
21 SHOW-- IT'S GOING TO BE UP TO YOU ALL WHAT KIND OF JAIL YOU
22 HAVE, WHAT YOU NEED TO DO, WHATEVER. BUT SINCE WHEN I LOOK AT
23 THE JAIL PLAN AND SAW THAT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF IT, THE
24 COST IS BASED ON WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO WITH THOSE WHO ARE
25 MENTALLY ILL, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT THERE'S A COMMITTED GROUP

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1 OF PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE NEVER MET BEFORE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR
2 ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. WE'RE SERIOUS ABOUT
3 IT. AND I AM OPTIMISTIC. AND I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN, YOU KNOW,
4 FIND 1,000 MORE BEDS OUT THERE. IT'S BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T SAT
5 DOWN AND DONE IT. AND I'VE SEEN THE FUTURE BY SENDING PEOPLE
6 TO, FOR INSTANCE, MIAMI DADE. I HAVE GONE TO MEMPHIS, WHICH
7 HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE NOW FOR 10 YEARS, AND SEEN THAT THEY ARE
8 ACTUALLY-- THEY ARE SO PROUD OF THEIR PROGRAM, THEY ARE
9 ACTUALLY SHUTTING DOWN WINGS OF THEIR JAIL. [APPLAUSE.] AND SO
10 I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THIS GROUP HAS SEEN THE FUTURE.
11 AND I AM NOT HERE IN OPPOSITION TO WHAT SHERIFF SCOTT IS
12 ASKING FOR. I JUST THOUGHT YOU OUGHT TO BE AWARE THAT, QUITE
13 FRANKLY, SOMETHING VERY PROFOUND IS GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES
14 AND JUST FACTOR IT INTO WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I DO THINK AGAIN
17 THAT IT'S SIGNIFICANT. AND I DO THINK THAT IT WOULD MAKE SOME
18 SENSE IF WE COULD HAVE SOME INFORMATION, SOME OF YOUR
19 CONCLUSIONS, EVEN IF THEY'RE PRELIMINARY, BEFORE WE COMMIT TO
20 SPENDING THIS KIND OF MONEY. WHEN DO YOU THINK YOU WILL HAVE A
21 PRELIMINARY REPORT?

22

23 **JACKIE LACEY:** I DID SEE AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
24 MOTION, THERE WAS A 60-DAY REPORT DUE. I WAS GOING TO ASK FOR
25 120 DAYS ONLY BECAUSE WE HAVE OUR SUMMIT ON MAY 28TH AND THEN

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1 WE HAVE FOLLOW UP INTERVIEWS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE GAINES
2 CENTER WITH KEY PARTNERS, AND THE GAINES CENTER WILL MAP OUT
3 WHAT OUR EXISTING RESOURCES ARE AND WHERE THEY THINK WE CAN DO
4 A BETTER JOB SOMETIME IN JULY. THEY'LL MEET WITH OUR GROUP AND
5 THEN COME UP WITH SOMETHING, A PLAN, PER SE, THAT WILL WE'LL
6 LOOK AT SOME TIME IN, I WOULD THINK, AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. SO
7 WE NEED A LITTLE TIME. BUT THERE'S A LOT OF HOPE OUT THERE. I
8 THINK IT'S S.B.82 CAME THROUGH, THAT'S EXCITING. I THINK
9 THERE'S SOME OPPORTUNITIES THERE. BUT IT IS GOING TO TAKE A
10 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK. BUT I WOULD SAY THAT IF YOU HAD ME
11 BACK IN 60 DAYS, I'D TELL YOU WE HAD THE SUMMIT. BUT I
12 WOULDN'T REALLY HAVE BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE AS MUCH INFORMATION
13 AS I COULD HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, COULD YOU JUST PLAN TO BE HERE? I
16 ASSUME THAT WHEN THE 60 DAYS UP THAT THAT, MR. FUJIOKA, THE
17 APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT WITH AECOM AND THE OTHER COMPANY
18 WHOSE NAME SLIPS MY MIND, WILL COME BACK TO THE BOARD,
19 CORRECT? SO I THINK ON THAT DAY OR BEFORE, IT WOULD BE UP TO
20 YOU, BUT CERTAINLY BY THAT DAY YOU GIVE US A PROGRESS REPORT
21 OF WHERE YOU ARE, THAT'S 60 DAYS AND THAT'S WHAT IT WILL BE. I
22 THINK IT JUST KEEP THIS IN THE MIX. I REALLY APPRECIATE WHAT
23 YOU ARE TRYING TO DO ON THIS, AND I THINK YOUR PERSONAL
24 INVOLVEMENT ON THIS GIVES IT A SHOT.

25

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1 **JACKIE LACEY:** THANK YOU. I APPRECIATE YOUR--

2

3 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I THINK IN ALL FAIRNESS, TOO, MR.

4 YAROSLAVSKY, I THINK IN ALL FAIRNESS, THERE'S A LOT MORE

5 COLLABORATION THAN YOU GAVE SOME CREDIT FOR. THESE THINGS ARE

6 REALLY GOING ON AND TRYING TO WORK TOGETHER, BOTH FROM A

7 DIVERSION ALTERNATIVES KIND OF THING. I DON'T THINK ANYBODY IS

8 JUST SAYING BUILD, BUILD, BUILD. AND THEY VERY ADAMANT IT'S

9 NOT ENHANCED FACILITIES OR BEDS BUT A REPLACEMENT. AND INSIDE

10 THAT REPLACEMENT, THERE'S A LOT OF PIECES GOING ON AS TO WHAT

11 WE CAN OR CAN'T DO AND THE PROGRAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY THAT

12 ARE CHANGING THE WAY WE DO BUSINESS. AND I JUST THINK WE CAN'T

13 UNDERESTIMATE OR UNDER COMMENT THE FACT THAT THERE'S BEEN A

14 LOT OF COLLABORATION. IT'S NOT BEEN DONE IN SILOS. AND IT'S

15 PROBABLY SOME OF THE BEST PLANNING THAT I'VE SEEN. I MEAN, I--

16 YES?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WITH THE UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THIS BOARD OF

19 SUPERVISORS THAT DIRECTED THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO HAVE THE

20 OVERSIGHT, NOT THE C.E.O.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES, BUT WE DID NOT SHUT HIM OUT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** HE WON'T SHUT OUT--

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOBODY IS SHUT OUT. SECONDLY, MOVING FORWARD
2 TODAY, LOOKING AT MY MOTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, AS WOULD
3 MOVING FORWARD WITH SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION, I
4 DON'T SEE THEM IN CONFLICT IN THE SENSE THAT WE ARE REPLACING
5 THE BEDS. WE HAVE LITIGATION ISSUES WITH THE CURRENT SYSTEM.
6 YOU HEARD ABOUT THE SUICIDE RATE. THAT'S AN ONGOING ISSUE THAT
7 WE ARE FACING. AND WE CAN'T PUT OUR HEAD IN THE SAND. WE NEED
8 TO MOVE FORWARD. THERE ARE DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT WORK FOR
9 SOME PEOPLE, THERE ARE DIVERSION PROGRAMS THAT WORK FOR NONE
10 OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE DEAL WITH. SO YOU NEED TO HAVE A
11 COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM. AND MOVING FORWARD ON BOTH MOTIONS
12 WOULD BE IN THAT VEIN, MR. CHAIRMAN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT, WE'LL GO TO SOME
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. NOT SOME; A LOT. ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO CALL
16 YOU UP THREE, FOUR AT A TIME. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD EACH
17 SPEAKER WILL BE GIVEN TWO MINUTES. LISA PAYNE. SHEILA PINKEL
18 JON SHERIN. KRISTINA RONNQUIST, WILL BE THE FIRST FOUR.

19

20 **LISA PAYNE:** LISA PAYNE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

23

24 **LISA PAYNE:** MY NAME'S LISA PAYNE, I'M WITH THE SOUTHERN
25 CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF NONPROFIT HOUSING. WE REPRESENT 400

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1 MEMBERS WHO ARE INVOLVED IN CREATING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
2 HOUSING AS WELL AS OTHER AFFORDABLE HOUSING AS WELL AS
3 MANAGING THAT HOUSING. THE COUNTY, I KNOW YOU ALL ARE AWARE IN
4 THE COUNTY THAT THERE IS CHRONICALLY HOMELESS PEOPLE THAT ARE
5 PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPERS HAVE BEEN HOUSING A
6 GREAT SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY IN TERMS OF REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF
7 TIME THEY'RE SPENDING IN EMERGENCY ROOMS AND CYCLING THROUGH
8 THE JAIL SYSTEM. SO I WOULD JUST LIKE TO OFFER THEM UP INTO
9 THIS CONVERSATION AS A RESOURCE. THEY PROVIDE BEAUTIFUL
10 APARTMENTS WITH SERVICES ON SITE TO ASSIST WITH DIVERSION AND
11 WITH PROVIDING HOMES FOR INMATES UPON RELEASE, AS WELL. AS YOU
12 KNOW, THIS IS A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODEL. OUR
13 DEVELOPERS LEVERAGE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN OTHER PUBLIC AND
14 PRIVATE FUNDS. THEY BUILD BEAUTIFUL DEVELOPMENTS. THERE WAS
15 LOTS OF LIGHT, GARDENS, TRANQUIL SPACES, REALLY FOCUSED ON
16 HEALING. THEY PROVIDE PERMANENT HOMES. SO THERE'S NO ENDING OF
17 A SENTENCE. AND THEY REALLY ARE FOCUSED ON ENSURING THAT
18 PEOPLE GET THE SERVICES THEY NEED ON SITE, THAT THEY'RE
19 PARTICIPATING IN THE COMMUNITIES, AND THAT THEY CAN REBUILD
20 THEIR LIVES WITH THEIR FAMILIES. SO I WOULD JUST OFFER THAT AS
21 AN OPTION AND AS A RESOURCE IN TERMS OF PROVIDING ANOTHER
22 MODEL FOR HOUSING, PEOPLE STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND
23 WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE. INTO THIS CONVERSATION. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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2 **SHEILA PINKEL:** SHEILA PINKEL, I'M WITH U.N.C.U.R.B. AND L.A.

3 NO MORE JAILS. INSTEAD OF THE SCENARIO DESCRIBED IN THE VANIR

4 REPORT, WHICH MAXIMIZES INCARCERATION. LET'S IMAGINE THE

5 FOLLOWING: IF PRETRIAL, NON-FELONS ARE NOT INCARCERATED, IF

6 NONVIOLENT, MENTALLY ILL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PEOPLE ARE HOUSED

7 IN FACILITIES IN COMMUNITY-BASED FACILITIES, IF NON, NON, NONS

8 HAVE THEIR SENTENCES REDUCED THROUGH SPLIT SENTENCING AND

9 PROBATIONARY RELEASE, IF NON, NON, NON MOTHERS ARE GIVEN

10 PROBATIONARY RELEASE SO THAT THEY CAN BE THERE FOR THEIR

11 FAMILIES, THEN THE POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS WILL

12 DECREASE SIGNIFICANTLY AND WE COULD HAVE A MUCH MORE MODEST

13 PROPOSAL FOR BUILDING NEW JAILS. THE REST OF THE MONEY COULD

14 BE USED FOR COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND

15 MENTAL HEALTH. EVERY CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF HAS CAMPAIGNED ON A

16 PLATFORM OF JAIL POPULATION REDUCTION. AND YET THE VANIR PLAN

17 WILL FORCE THE INCOMING SHERIFF TO ADMINISTER AN INFLATED

18 INCARCERATION SYSTEM THE SHERIFFS ARE CAMPAIGNING AGAINST. THE

19 C.E.O. OF G.O. GROUP HAS SAID "IF WE BUILD IT, YOU WILL FILL

20 IT." AT A TIME WHEN JURISDICTIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ARE

21 REDUCING JAIL POPULATIONS, THE VANIR PLAN IS AN INVITATION TO

22 PERPETUATE INFLATED INCARCERATION IN L.A. COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE, NO APPLAUSE, THANK YOU. NOW,
2 NEXT, I'M GOING TO ASK BRITTNEY WEISSMAN AND PETER ELIASBERG
3 TO JOIN US UP HERE, PLEASE.

4

5 **KRISTINA RONNQUIST:** MY NAME IS KRISTINA RONNQUIST. I'M A
6 GRADUATING M.S.W. STUDENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
7 CALIFORNIA. FOR THE LAST YEAR, I HAVE INTERNEED AT THE CENTURY
8 REGIONAL DETENTION FACILITY, THE FEMALE COUNTY JAIL IN LYNWOOD
9 AND EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND HOW INMATES WITH MENTAL ILLNESS ARE
10 BEING TREATED. THESE WOMEN ARE KEPT IN THEIR CELL 23 HOURS A
11 DAY. DEPUTIES OFTEN REFUSE TO LET THEM OUT FOR GROUPS. CLIENTS
12 OF MINE WHO ARE INCOMPETENT TO STAND TRIAL ARE BEING HELD IN
13 SOLITARY CONFINEMENT FOR PETTY OFFENSES. CLIENTS OF MINE ON
14 SUICIDE WATCH HAVE LOST THEIR MATTRESS AND THEN DENIED
15 UNDERWEAR AND FEMININE HYGIENE PROJECTS NECESSARY TO PREVENT
16 THEM FROM MENSTRUATING ON THEMSELVES. THESE CLIENTS COMPLAIN
17 OF BEING LEFT HANDCUFFED TO THE TABLE FOR HOURS, REPORTING
18 THAT DEPUTIES ARE REFUSING THEIR REQUESTS TO USE THE RESTROOM
19 AND CRY THAT THEY ARE BEING CALLED RETARDS, BITCH, WHORES AND
20 TOLD THAT THEY ARE BAD MOTHERS. JUST RECENTLY MY CLIENT WHO
21 HAD RECENTLY ATTEMPTED SUICIDE WAS ABUSED BY A DEPUTY WHO
22 SLAMMED HER FINGERS IN THE DOOR AFTER SHE REFUSED TO MOVE HER
23 HAND, CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY. THIS ABUSE AND MISTREATMENT WILL
24 NOT CHANGE BY BUILDING A NEW FACILITY THAT IS SUPERVISED BY
25 THE SAME SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. FURTHER, WHAT I OBSERVED AS

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1 HEAVILY MEDICATED WOMEN WHO ARE OFFERED COMPLETELY INADEQUATE
2 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES SEEN FOR 10 MINUTES OFTEN EVERY 6 TO 8
3 WEEKS BY COMMONLY JADED CLINICIANS WHO ARE BURDENED BY HEAVY
4 CASELOADS. THESE COMBINED FACTORS HAVE CREATED AN INHUMANE AND
5 TOXIC ENVIRONMENT THAT EXACERBATES SYMPTOMS OF MENTAL ILLNESS.
6 WOMEN ARE DECOMPENSATING AT CRISIS LEVELS AND OFTENTIMES
7 NONVIOLENT WOMEN WHO ARE ABUSED AND NEGLECTED ONCE INSIDE THE
8 JAIL SOON STOP EATING AND SHOWERING OR REVERT TO PLAYING WITH
9 BODILY EXCREMENT OR ENGAGE IN VIOLENT AND AGGRESSIVE BEHAVIOR
10 OFTEN COMPILING TRASH AND REFUSING TO COME OUT OF THEIR CELLS.
11 THESE PROBLEMS ARE THE SAME THAT THE D.O.J. IDENTIFIED IN 1997
12 AND AGAIN IN 2013. FOR EXAMPLE, BEING HANDCUFFED TO THE TABLE
13 FOR ON HOURS ON END IS EXACTLY WHAT THE D.O.J. FOUND IN 2013.
14 UNTIL THE INSTITUTIONAL DYNAMICS THEMSELVES CHANGE, INMATES
15 WILL CONTINUE TO SUFFER. THE ONLY WAY TO IMPROVE THESE
16 CONDITIONS IS TO PUT ON EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION AND DIVERSION.
17 [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **JON SHERIN:** HI, JON SHERIN HERE FROM VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA.
22 I'M CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER NATIONALLY. I WORKED EXTENSIVELY AS
23 A PSYCHIATRIST IN POPULATIONS WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS AND
24 SIGNIFICANT INCARCERATION, COMORBID MEDICAL ISSUES. I BELIEVE
25 THAT SOME OF THE REALLY KEY POINTS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORTH BY

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1 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. THE
2 SITUATION HERE IS ONE NOT ONLY OF FISCAL AND ETHICAL BUT
3 PHILOSOPHICAL SCOPE. ARE WE LOOKING TO CONTINUE WITH THE
4 APPROACHES THAT WE HAVE THAT ARE CLEARLY NOT WORKING? OR DO WE
5 MOVE TOWARDS DIFFERENT MODELS? IN PARTICULAR, I WOULD ASK YOU
6 WHAT WOULD WE DO WITH A BILLION DOLLARS THAT WAS FOCUSED ON
7 THE YOUNGER ANGELINOS IN THIS COUNTY AND THEIR MENTAL HEALTH?
8 WHAT WOULD WE DO WITH A BILLION DOLLARS TO END HOMELESSNESS IN
9 THIS COUNTY? EITHER OF THOSE MANEUVERS WOULD HAVE A
10 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE NUMBER OF MENTALLY ILL PEOPLE IN
11 PRISON AND IN JAIL. THIS IS ALSO TRUE OF OTHER RESOURCES, SUCH
12 AS EDUCATION AND TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT
13 ACCESS TO SPIRITUAL FORUMS. THESE INTERVENTIONS WILL CHANGE
14 THE GAME. THIS IS A PHILOSOPHICAL MOVE IN A DIFFERENT
15 DIRECTION FROM THE SAME APPROACH THAT WE ARE USING WHICH IS
16 NOT WORKING. SO I ASK YOU TO LISTEN TO THE C.J.M.H.P. CREW AND
17 ENRICH THIS ENVIRONMENT THIS COUNTY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ITS
18 CONSTITUENTS SO THAT THEY DO NOT END UP WITH MENTAL ILLNESS IN
19 JAILS AND PRISONS. I WILL ASK GEORGE BUZZETTI AND GEORGE PRATT
20 TO JOIN US, PLEASE.

21

22 **BRITTNEY WEISMANN:** HI, I'M BRITTNEY WEISSMAN, EXECUTIVE
23 DIRECTOR FOR N.A.M.I., THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL
24 ILLNESS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL. WE ARE AN ALLIANCE OF 12
25 AFFILIATES IN L.A. COUNTY, AND OUR EMBERS ARE 3300 PEOPLE WHO

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1 INCLUDE PERSONS LIVING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS, THEIR FAMILY AND
2 THEIR FRIENDS. WE SUPPORT THE POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE
3 C.C.T.F. AS AN IMPROVEMENT TO L.A.'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE
4 INFRASTRUCTURE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CARE TO
5 INDIVIDUALS WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER,
6 SUPPORT A PROCESS THAT DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO REDUCE
7 THE NUMBERS OF JUSTICE-INVOLVED OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS
8 AND FAILS TO PLAN FOR SUBSTANTIVE REINVENTION OF OUR COUNTY'S
9 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. TO DETERMINE THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF A
10 NEW JAIL IN THE ABSENCE OF SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF DIVERSION
11 PROGRAMMING IS INCOMPLETE AND INAPPROPRIATE. WE ARE HONORED TO
12 PARTICIPATE IN DISTRICT ATTORNEY JACKIE LACEY'S CRIMINAL
13 JUSTICE MENTAL HEALTH TASKFORCE. THIS EFFORT IS THE MOST
14 IMPORTANT DIALOGUE OCCURRING IN OUR COUNTY AT PRESENT, AND IT
15 SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A PLAN FOR SYSTEMS
16 CHANGE. HOW CAN WE PROCEED WITH A \$2 BILLION JAIL PLAN WITHOUT
17 BEING INFORMED BY THE STRATEGIC VISION OF OUR D.A. AND THE
18 EFFORTS OF THE ENTIRE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM WHOM SHE HAS
19 CONVENED ESPECIALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE? THE TASKFORCE'S FINAL
20 RECOMMENDATION SHOULD REDUCE THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS WITH
21 MENTAL ILLNESS IN THE JAILS, WHICH SHOULD GUIDE THE PLANNING
22 PROCESS FOR THE SIZE AND SCOPE OF THE JAIL. WE RESPECTFULLY
23 REQUEST TO ALLOW FURTHER STUDY BY THE TASKFORCE. THE PLAN FOR
24 THE NEW JAIL SHOULD BE DEVELOPED IN CONCERT WITH THE SERIOUS
25 EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BY THIS TASKFORCE. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? AND I ASK JUAN PENA TO
3 JOIN US AS WELL AS PATRISSE CULLORS.

4

5 **PETER ELIASBERG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HAVING
6 INSULTED ME AND THE ORGANIZATION I WORK FOR, I WOULD
7 APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD LISTEN TO MY COMMENT. I KNOW YOU THINK
8 THAT THE ONLY INTEREST THAT THE A.C.L.U. HAS IS RELEASING
9 CRIMINALS FROM JAIL. SO PERHAPS, BUT I WON'T STATE OUR
10 POSITION, I'LL STATE THE POSITION OF SIX OF THE SEVEN
11 SHERIFF'S CANDIDATES, ALL OF WHOM OPPOSE THE JAIL PLAN AND
12 HAVE SO STATED IN THEIR COMMENTS IN SHERIFF'S DEBATES. CHIEF
13 JIM MCDONNELL, LONG BEACH, I DON'T THINK HE'S SOFT ON CRIME
14 AND REALLY JUST WANTS THE COMMUNITY VICTIMIZED. HE SAID IN
15 RELATION TO THIS JAIL PLAN THAT YOU'VE MADE A MOTION TO MOVE
16 FORWARD ON, WE NEED TO STEP BACK. A NEW SHERIFF IS A MAJOR
17 STAKEHOLDER IN THIS. AND THEN HE POINTED OUT, WHICH THIS BOARD
18 DOESN'T SEEM TO BE RECOGNIZING, IT'S NOT JUST A 2002
19 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT. D.O.J. HAS AN ACTIVE INVESTIGATION
20 RIGHT NOW BASED ON WHAT MISS RONNQUIST SAID, MY GUESS IS THAT
21 THERE WILL BE NEW FINDINGS AND A NEW REQUEST FOR A DIFFERENT
22 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT OR CONSENT DECREE THAT VANIR CANNOT
23 HAVE ANTICIPATED BECAUSE THEY DON'T SEE IT YET. SO WHY WOULD
24 YOU WAIT AND PUSH FORWARD ON A JAIL PLAN UNTIL YOU KNOW WHAT
25 THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IS GOING TO SAY? AND MY GUESS IS,

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1 IT'S NOT GOING TO BE PRETTY. JAMES HELLMOLD SAID, "I DON'T
2 THINK WE NEED NEW BED SPACE. I WANT TO WORK AND FOCUS ON
3 GETTING THE MENTALLY ILL OUT OF THE JAIL." BOB OLMSTED, I
4 DON'T BELIEVE HE'S SOFT ON CRIME UNLIKE THE A.C.L.U. "IT'S
5 GOING TO BE CATASTROPHIC IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECIDES
6 ABOUT A NEW JAIL WITHOUT THE INPUT OF A NEW SHERIFF. WE'VE
7 NEVER BEEN IN THE SITUATION WHERE OUR L.A. JAILS WEREN'T
8 OVERCROWDED. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS NEW PLAN BEING DISCUSSED BY
9 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOESN'T ADDRESS THE REAL ISSUE AT
10 HAND, AND THAT'S DEALING WITH THE MENTALLY ILL." LOU VINCE, "I
11 SUPPORT MODERNIZING THE JAILS BUT THIS PARTICULAR PLAN, I
12 DON'T SUPPORT THIS PARTICULAR PLAN, BECAUSE IT'S ONE MORE
13 BAND-AID ON THE WOUND THAT IS THE L.A. CRIMINAL JUSTICE
14 SYSTEM." TODD ROGERS, "I THINK THE NEW SHERIFF NEEDS TO BE
15 CONSULTED ON WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO WITH OUR JAIL SYSTEM." I
16 COULD ALSO MAKE COMMENTS FROM MR. GOMEZ. MR. TANAKA APPEARS TO
17 BE THE ONLY CANDIDATE RUNNING FOR ARE SHERIFF WHO SUPPORTS
18 THIS PLAN. SO IN SOMEWHERE LESS, PERHAPS IN JUNE OR CERTAINLY
19 BY NOVEMBER YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A NEW SHERIFF.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD JUST ADD THAT I ALSO TALKED TO
22 CHIEF MCDONNELL AND SOME OF HIS COMMENTS ARE TAKEN OUT OF
23 CONTEXT. THANK YOU. NEXT?

24

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1 **PETER ELIASBERG:** IT'S JUST A QUOTE FROM A TRANSCRIPT OF THE
2 DEBATE.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I NEED MY REAL TIME HERE, PEOPLE. I DIDN'T HAVE MY
5 REAL TIME, JUST LIKE L.A. UNIFIED, OKAY? SO, I HEARD YOU ALL
6 HERE TALKING ABOUT THE SUPREMACY CLAUSE. WHY DON'T YOU CARE
7 ABOUT IT OR THE D.A. OR THE A.G. OR ANYBODY CONCERNING L.A.
8 UNIFIED REPLACING MARGUERITE LAMOTTE AND THE IPADS? IT'S
9 AGAINST THE LAW WITH TWO U.S. SUPREME COURT DECISIONS, NOT OF
10 THIS. I'VE NEVER-- AND I KNOW MORE ABOUT CONSTRUCTION AND
11 FRAUD THAN ANY OF YOU HERE BECAUSE I'VE BEEN BUSTING L.A.
12 UNIFIED SINCE 1998. TWO TO THREE TIMES THE COST CONSTRUCTION,
13 OKAY? NOBODY CARES. YOU'VE HAD 10 YEARS ON THIS ISSUE. THIS IS
14 THE BIGGEST BUNCH OF JUNK I'VE EVER SEEN IN MY LIFE. VANIR,
15 THEY DIDN'T GIVE YOU THE NUMBERS; DID THEY? DO YOU HAVE THE
16 NUMBERS PER SQUARE FOOT OF WHAT IT COSTS? HOW MANY SQUARE FOOT
17 PER PRISONER? WHAT THE BED SPACE COST? WHAT'S THE VARIATION
18 IS? LIKE FROM 372 GRAND TO 661? WHEN YOU SEE THE NUMBERS THAT
19 THEY PUT IN THEIR SUMMARY, THAT'S JUNK. DO YOU GUYS DO YOUR
20 HOMEWORK? I DIDN'T HEAR A PERSON UP HERE THAT KNEW ANYTHING
21 THAT WAS IN THAT AND I ONLY STARTED READING IT LAST NIGHT AT
22 7:00. AND I ADDED NUMBERS ON THE BUS COMING HERE. WHY DIDN'T
23 YOU GIVE THAT JOB TO ME? I WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU A DEAL. NO.
24 ARE YOU FINANCING THIS WITH C.O.P.S OR BONDS? DO YOU KNOW THE
25 DIFFERENCE? BONDS ARE VOTER-PROOF, C.O.P.S YOU DO WITHOUT US.

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1 I HEAR TWO DIFFERENT GAMES HERE TODAY. AND LET ME TELL YOU
2 SOMETHING, I REPRESENT C.O.R.E. CALIFORNIA. WE GOT 116 YEARS
3 IN THIS. CELES KING JUST KILLED HIMSELF ON THESE ISSUES. DO
4 YOU UNDERSTAND? HE KILLED HIMSELF. I LEFT HIM JUST BEFORE HE
5 CRASHED, WAVING GOODBYE ON THE FREEWAY SETTING HIM UP ON A
6 WHEELCHAIR. YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE THIS ISSUE SOME RESPECT. I
7 HAVE ON VIDEO THESE NEW SHERIFFS LAST SATURDAY ALL MAKING
8 STATEMENTS ON THIS AND WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO CLAP. I WILL BRING
9 YOU THE CASE LAW AS I DID L.A. UNIFIED IF YOU WANT IT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SIR. THANK
12 YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. NEXT?

13

14 **PATRISSE CULLORS:** GOOD MORNING OR AFTERNOON NOW. MY NAME IS
15 PATRISSE CULLORS. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DIGNITY AND
16 POWER NOW. QUESTION FOR THE BOARD: DO ANY OF YOU HAVE A LOVED
17 ONE WHO SUFFERS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND HAS BEEN INSIDE THE
18 L.A. COUNTY JAIL? WELL, I HAVE AND HERE'S A STORY. MY BROTHER
19 HAS A PSYCHOTIC EPISODE. HE IS MANIC AND PARANOID. HE
20 ENCOUNTERS THE POLICE, HE EVADES THE POLICE BECAUSE HE IS
21 FRIGHTENED. THE OFFICER DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO RELATE TO MENTAL
22 ILLNESS. THEY SHOOT HIM WITH RUBBER BULLETS. HE ENDS UP AT A
23 HOSPITAL AND IS HANDCUFFED TO HIS BED. MIND YOU, HE IS STILL
24 IN EPISODE. HE GETS TRANSFERRED TO TIN TOWERS. AT THIS POINT
25 HE'S BEING ASSESSED AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DID A, QUOTE, CRIME,

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1 INSTEAD OF SOMEBODY WHO NEEDS A HOSPITAL OR A TREATMENT
2 FACILITY. FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO MONTHS, MY BROTHER IS DENIED
3 MEDICATION. EVEN THOUGH MYSELF AND MY MOTHER HAVE BEGGED THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HAVE MY BROTHER SEE A PSYCHIATRIST. IN
5 CONTRAST, IF HE WERE AT A HOSPITAL OR TREATMENT FACILITY,
6 WHICH HE HAS ALSO BEEN IN, HIS TREATMENT WOULD AND HAS BEEN
7 LOOKED QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, INVEST
8 IN A PLAN THAT LOOKS AT DIVERSION FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
9 POPULATION. BUILDING A JAIL IS NOT DIVERSION. OUR FAMILIES'
10 LIVES DEPEND ON IT, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I WOULD ASK CAMERON GRANADINO, JANET
13 SARBANES, HEATHER O'BRIEN, JOSEPH MAIZLISH TO JOIN US, PLEASE.
14 GO AHEAD, SIR.

15

16 **JUAN PENA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JUAN PENA, AND I'M A YOUTH
17 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THE _____ IN
18 L.A.'S COUNTY JAILS SHOULD BE A REASON TO SHRINK NOT TO
19 EXPAND. REDIRECT THE MONEY TO THE COMMUNITY. THERE ARE OTHER
20 ALTERNATIVES WHICH WILL REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION RIGHT NOW.
21 STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES AND SAVE THE COUNTY OVER A BILLION
22 DOLLARS. PLEASE SAVE THE A.B.109 MONEY TO REDUCE L.A.'S 70
23 PERCENT RECIDIVISM RATE AND FUND COMMUNITY PROGRAMS THAT
24 SUPPORT THE REAL NEEDS OF PEOPLE COMING HOME FROM PRISON.
25 PROVIDE THEM WITH I.D., MEDICAL RECORDS, HEALTHCARE, HOUSING,

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1 JOB TRAINING AND BUS PASS. STOP THE JAIL EXPANSION AND INVEST
2 IN THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS, NOT CAGES. YOU CAN'T ALSO COMPARE
3 HOSPITALS WITH PRISONS. HOSPITALS ARE ACTUALLY HELPING THE
4 COMMUNITY WHILE PRISONS AND JAILS ARE HARMING THE COMMUNITY
5 AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND ARE POLLUTION. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? WHOEVER WANTS TO GO.

8

9 **CAMERON GRANADINO:** HI, MY NAME IS CAMERON GRANADINO. I'M A
10 LECTURER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA RIVERSIDE. I HAVE
11 RESEARCHED IN DEPTH THE ISSUE OF INCARCERATION OF CALIFORNIA
12 AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD FOR THE PAST SIX YEARS.
13 ACTUALLY, IT SPEAKS VOLUMES TO-- THE INATTENTION OF THE BOARD
14 MEMBERS SPEAK VOLUMES TO HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT OUR PUBLIC
15 COMMENT. I THINK THAT'S VERY SYMBOLIC. THE CHAIR TURNED AROUND
16 IS VERY SYMBOLIC. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY IS THAT THE
17 ARCHITECTS, I'M READING SIGNS UP HERE, THE ARCHITECTS OF
18 SLAVERY IN AMERICA WERE NOT NECESSARILY SAYING HOW WE COULD
19 EXPAND THE SYSTEM. THEY WERE SAYING WHEN THEY WROTE THE 13TH
20 AMENDMENT HOW COULD WE REPLACE IT. THAT'S THE RHETORIC THAT WE
21 HEAR TODAY. SO IT'S ECHOING TODAY. THE RHETORIC THAT WE HEAR
22 FROM THESE PEOPLE IS VERY MUCH SO ECHOING TODAY. AND FROM THE
23 RESEARCH THAT THESE PEOPLE ARE PRESENTING, NOT ONE OF THEM HAS
24 CITED THE PERIMANIC ANALYSIS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA WITHIN AN
25 INSTITUTION, WHICH IS STANFORD PRISON EXPERIMENT, WHICH SAYS

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1 THAT LIKE MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS QUESTIONING WHETHER
2 INCARCERATION IS TO HEAL OR EXACERBATE TRAUMA, THE RESULTS OF
3 THAT EXPERIMENT CLEARLY STATE THAT IT EXACERBATES TRAUMA BOTH
4 FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS AND PRISON GUARDS. SO INCARCERATION
5 IS NOT GOOD FOR ANYONE, FOR NO ONE. AND ALSO THAT SOCIAL
6 ABANDONMENT, MEANING CUTTING ALL THESE PROGRAMS, IT CREATES
7 MENTAL ILLNESS. PEOPLE AREN'T BORN MENTALLY ILL. IT'S
8 GENERATIONAL. SOCIAL ABANDONMENT CREATES MENTAL ILLNESS.
9 THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT? [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **HEATHER O'BRIEN:** HI, MY NAME IS HEATHER O'BRIEN. I'M WITH AN
14 ORGANIZATION CALLED CRITICAL RESISTANCE. I'D LIKE TO ECHO WHAT
15 THE GENTLEMAN BEFORE ME JUST SAID. IT'S VERY DISHEARTENING TO
16 WAIT HERE FOR TWO HOURS AND LISTEN TO ALL OF YOU AND WHAT YOU
17 HAVE TO SAY AND WE DON'T GET THE SAME RESPECT. I THINK THAT'S
18 UNFAIR AND UNJUST. SO AS I SAID, I'M WITH AN ORGANIZATION
19 CALLED CRITICAL RESISTANCE. IT'S A NATIONWIDE ORGANIZATION
20 THAT IS AN ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT AGAINST THE PRESENT PRISON-
21 INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. I WOULD URGE YOU TO STOP ALL JAIL
22 EXPANSION PLANS IN L.A. COUNTY AND INVEST DOLLARS IN PROGRAMS
23 THAT BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES. JAILS HARM OUR COMMUNITIES.
24 EXPERTS STUDIES AND COMMUNITIES EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT LOCKING
25 PEOPLE UP CAUSES MORE PROBLEMS THAN IT SOLVES. PEOPLE LOSE

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1 JOBS, HOMES AND CHILDREN. MENTAL AND MEDICAL HEALTH ARE HARMED
2 THROUGH NEGLECT AND VIOLENCE. FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY,
3 PARTICULARLY OF THE POOR AND PEOPLE OF COLOR, MISS THE
4 CONTRIBUTIONS OF THOSE WITH PROPER SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND COULD
5 BUILD THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES. WE REALLY NEED TO STOP THE JAIL
6 EXPANSION AND INVEST IN OUR COMMUNITIES, NOT IN CAGES. THE
7 EXTREME VIOLENCE IN L.A.'S JAILS SHOULD BE A REASON TO SHRINK
8 AND NOT EXPAND, OR REVISE THE SYSTEM. DECADES OF VIOLENCE
9 ENACTED BY THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS RESULTED
10 IN MULTIPLE INVESTIGATIONS, INCLUDING ONE BY THE F.B.I, AND
11 ONE INITIATED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU GUYS. SO
12 I WOULD REALLY URGE YOU TODAY TO CONSIDER WHAT ALTERNATIVES
13 COULD BE DONE. I WAS ACTUALLY AT THE MACK CENTER FOR ART AND
14 ARCHITECTURE A WEEK AGO WHERE THERE WAS A PUBLIC FORUM WITH
15 VARIOUS ARCHITECTS AND ARTISTS WHO WERE THINKING ABOUT WHAT
16 COULD WE DO WITH THAT MONEY THAT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT USING
17 IN MIRA LOMA IN A DIFFERENT WAY? AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE
18 RESULTS WERE EXTRAORDINARY. AND THESE WERE PROFESSIONAL
19 ARCHITECTS AND ARTISTS WHO WERE COMING UP WITH AMAZING
20 SOLUTIONS. SO I WOULD URGE YOU TO CONSIDER SOME ALTERNATIVE
21 OPTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MARY SUTTON, JOSEPH THOMAS.
24 ARIANA ALCARAZ. AND NYABINGI KUTI.

25

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1 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** GOOD AFTERNOON. JOSEPH MAIZLISH, MARRIAGE AND
2 FAMILY THERAPIST. WHY I AM HERE, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IS
3 BECAUSE OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS AND MORE AS A MARRIAGE AND
4 FAMILY THERAPIST, I HAVE ON OCCASION SERVED PERPETRATORS OF
5 CRIME AND VICTIMS OF CRIME, PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE BEEN
6 KILLED ON THE STREETS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE SURVIVED WORKPLACE
7 MASS SHOOTINGS. THAT'S WHY I'M PUTTING IN THE TIME THAT I HAVE
8 AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU WITH THIS AND WORK FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN
9 THIS. I DON'T LIKE THOSE CRIMES. AND I BELIEVE THERE ARE WISER
10 WAYS TO REDUCE THEIR INCIDENCE. WHERE WOULD WE BE, BY THE WAY,
11 NOW, IF THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU GOT 2-1/2 YEARS AGO AND
12 MORE HAD BEEN EMPLOYED AGGRESSIVELY? I'M TALKING ABOUT
13 DIVERSION, NOT JUST OF PEOPLE, BUT DIVERSION OF FUNDS FROM
14 INCARCERATION TO PROGRAMS INCLUDING AS SERIOUS SUPERVISION
15 METHODS AS NEEDED AND TO FOCUS ON CONFINING THOSE WHO ARE
16 ACTUALLY DANGEROUS. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AGAIN, YOU TOLD
17 US ABOUT MR. HUBBARD. PEOPLE WHO ARE REALLY ADJUDGED
18 DANGEROUS. SUPPOSE WE PUT THAT MONEY INTO REAL PROGRAMS OF
19 ASSESSMENT. ASSISTANT SHERIFF MCDONALD IS STARTING ONE.
20 STARTING, NOW? WHERE WOULD WE BE? AND WHAT SIZE INSTITUTIONS
21 WOULD WE BE TALKING ABOUT? THE ONE FOUNDATION THAT HAS A BIG
22 CRACK IN IT THAT LIES UNDERNEATH WHAT VANIR HAS PROPOSED TO
23 YOU? I REMEMBER TWO YEARS AGO, 2-1/2 YEARS AGO, SUPERVISOR
24 KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH VOTED AGAINST SUPPORTING THE
25 GOVERNOR'S, WHAT BECAME PROPOSITION 30. YOU SAID SHOW ME STATE

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1 REDUCTIONS IN SPENDING. AND THEN IF YOU STILL NEED IT, I'LL BE
2 WILLING TO VOTE FOR FUNDING TAXATION AND SUPPORT TAXATION. HOW
3 ABOUT APPLYING THAT SAME KIND OF THINKING HERE? SHOW US WHAT
4 THOSE PROJECTS CAN DO, WHAT REDUCTION CAN DO. NOT JUST, AS
5 YAROSLAVSKY, I HOPE YOU WILL FAVOR ACTUALLY SEEING REDUCTIONS
6 TAKE PLACE THAT COULD HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE FOR 2-1/2 YEARS.
7 WE'D BE IN A DIFFERENT POSITION NOW. LET'S NOT JUMP AHEAD
8 WITHOUT HAVING ACTUAL EXPERIENCE.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

11

12 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARSHA TEMPLE. ESTHER LIM. MARIELLA
15 SABA.

16

17 **MARY SUTTON:** MY NAME IS MARY SUTTON, I'M A MEMBER OF CRITICAL
18 RESISTANCE AND I'M REPRESENTING THE NO MORE JAILS L.A.
19 COALITION AND CALIFORNIANS UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET,
20 WHICH IS A STATEWIDE ALLIANCE 55 ORGANIZATIONS FIGHTING PRISON
21 AND JAIL EXPANSION ACROSS THE STATE. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ZEV
22 YAROSLAVSKY AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, THANK YOU, D.A. LACEY, FOR
23 SOME-- WE'RE FINALLY HEARING SOME VOICES OF SANITY. I IMPLORE
24 YOU NOT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS PLAN PRESENTED BY VANIR
25 CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC. NONE OF THE OPTIONS CONSIDER

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1 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE LOCKED UP IN L.A.'S NOTORIOUSLY
2 VIOLENT JAIL SYSTEM. NONE OF THE OPTIONS CONSIDER INVESTMENT
3 IN COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS THAT ARE PROVEN TO REDUCE
4 RECIDIVISM AND CREATE SAFER COMMUNITIES. NONE OF THE OPTIONS
5 CONSIDER FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION COMING DOWN THE PIKE
6 THAT WILL DECRIMINALIZE SMALL DRUG POSSESSION AND REDUCE THE
7 DISPARITIES IN DRUG SENTENCING LAWS. NONE OF THE OPTIONS
8 CONSIDER USING SPLIT SENTENCING OR PAROLE REFORM. NONE OF THE
9 OPTIONS CONSIDER MORE HUMANE ALTERNATIVES OUTSIDE OF JAIL,
10 ESPECIALLY ALTERNATIVES FOR LOCKING UP PEOPLE WITH MENTAL
11 ILLNESS AND POOR WOMEN OF COLOR WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMS OF
12 VIOLENCE THEIR WHOLE LIVES. 32 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IN
13 L.A. COUNTY JAIL ARE RE-ALIGNMENT, NON-SERIOUS, NONVIOLENT
14 OFFENDERS. 52 ARE PRE-ADJUDICATED, WAITING TRIAL. MOST OF THEM
15 CAN'T AFFORD BAIL. PETTY CRIMES, JAY WALKING, TRAFFIC TICKETS.
16 THIS IS WHO'S IN THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS, AND IT'S A FACT. AND I
17 JUST WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT TERRI MCDONALD HAS GIVEN FALSE
18 INFORMATION TO THE BOARD. THERE ARE 7,000 RE-ALIGNMENT PEOPLE
19 IN THE JAIL; 1100 OF THOSE ARE WOMEN. ALL THE RE-ALIGNMENT
20 POPULATION IS SERVING 100 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE. SO SHE
21 LIED WHEN SHE SAID THAT WOMEN ARE ONLY SERVING 10 PERCENT OF
22 THEIR SENTENCE. THE REST OF THE COUNTIES ACROSS THE COUNTY,
23 ACROSS THIS STATE, RE-ALIGNMENT POPULATIONS ARE SERVING 35
24 PERCENT OF THEIR SENTENCE.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ESTHER LIM, MARSHA TEMPLE? ARE YOU AT
2 THE TABLE, THE THREE OF YOU? JENNIFER HARK DIETZ. GO AHEAD
3 WHOEVER'S NEXT? GO AHEAD.

4

5 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** YES, THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. THANK
6 YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AGREE WITH MANY SPEAKERS.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU ARE?

9

10 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** I AM MARSHA TEMPLE.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MARSHA. START HER TIME OVER AGAIN,
13 PLEASE.

14

15 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** THANKS. I AGREE WITH MANY SPEAKERS THAT NO JAIL
16 PLAN OPTION SHOULD BE DECIDED WITHOUT THE THOROUGH ANALYSIS
17 THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S GROUP IS PREPARED TO DEVELOP. WE
18 NEED TO REMEMBER WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS THAT
19 JAIL IS NOT A THERAPEUTIC ENVIRONMENT. NOBODY GOES THERE TO
20 GET WELL. INCARCERATION SUBSTANTIALLY DESTABILIZES PEOPLE WITH
21 MENTAL ILLNESS. IF THERE IS AN OPTION FOR THEM IN THE
22 COMMUNITY, IT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. AND DEFINITELY WAIT UNTIL
23 THIS DECISION IS MADE UNTIL WE HAVE A NEW SHERIFF WHO WILL BE
24 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEW OVERSIGHT OF A NEW JAIL.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3 **ESTHER LIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS ESTHER WITH THE
4 A.C.L.U., THE JAILS PROJECT DIRECTOR. I WANTED TO TAKE THE
5 TIME TO ACTUALLY THANK THE SUPERVISORS WHO ARE PRESENT AND
6 LISTENING TO THE PUBLIC'S COMMENTS. THE BEST ESTIMATE FOR THE
7 JAIL POPULATION FROM VANIR AND OTHER STATE THAT WOULD REMAIN
8 BETWEEN 19 AND 20,000. CURRENT ESTIMATES ARE THAT 17 PERCENT
9 OF THE L.A. JAILS SUFFER FROM SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS. THAT
10 WORKS OUT TO 3200 TO 3300 INMATES WITH SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS.
11 VANIR IS NOW PROJECTING 3,216 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS. DR. SOUTHARD
12 PRESUMES SUBSTANTIAL DIVERSION. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE WHEN THIS
13 PLAN PRESENTS THE SAME NUMBER OF MENTALLY ILL INMATES THAT ARE
14 CURRENTLY. THERE? WE KNOW L.A. HAS NO SIGNIFICANT POST BOOKING
15 DIVERSION PROGRAM. WE ALSO KNOW THE D.A. JACKIE LACEY IS
16 INVESTIGATING SUCH PROGRAMS IN MIAMI AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS.
17 MOREOVER, WE ALSO KNOW L.A. JUST RECEIVED FUNDS FROM THE
18 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT TO START A SERIOUS PREBOOKING
19 DIVERSION PROGRAM BUT NOT SUCH A PROGRAM EXISTS TODAY. WHAT WE
20 DO NOT UNDERSTAND IS HOW DR. SOUTHARD CLAIMS THAT THE
21 PROJECTION OF 3,216 MENTAL HEALTH BEDS PRESUMES SUBSTANTIAL
22 DIVERSION WHEN, NUMBER ONE, THE COUNTY DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE
23 A SIGNIFICANT PREBOOKING OR POST BOOKING IN PLACE; TWO, BOTH
24 D.M.H. AND THE D.A. ARE LOOKING INTO DEVELOPING SERIOUS PRE-
25 AND POST BOOKING DIVERSION PROGRAMS. THREE, THE PLANS VANIR

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1 PROPOSES HAVE ENOUGH BEDS FOR THE CURRENT POPULATION OF
2 INMATES WITH MENTAL ILLNESS WHICH EXISTS WITHOUT THE COUNTY'S
3 DOING ANY SERIOUS DIVERSION. THE KEY POINT IS THAT WE ARE NOT
4 DOING DIVERSION AT THE RATE WE PLANNED TO AND NEED TO. THUS
5 THE 3,216 BED NUMBER DOES NOT PRESUME FUTURE LEVELS OF
6 DIVERSION. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ARE YOU MARIELLA?

9

10 **MARIELLA SABA:** MARIELLA SABA. I AM GRATEFUL FOR MY ABILITY TO
11 MOVE, TO LEAVE MY HOME SPACE, TO HAVE A HOME SPACE, TO MAKE IT
12 HERE, TO SPEAK IN HONOR OF MILLIONS PAST AND PRESENT WHOSE
13 ABILITY TO MOVE AND SPEAK FREELY HAS BEEN STOLEN, TAKEN,
14 VIOLATED, BEATEN, FORCED AND CAGED. I ASK US ALL PRESENT HERE
15 TO RISE AND STAND UP AND HOLD SILENCE IN SOLIDARITY WITH EVERY
16 BEING INCARCERATED WORLDWIDE AND THEIR FAMILIES OUTSIDE.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. JENNIFER HARK DIETZ, JABRIEL
19 MUHAMMAD. KEAN O'BRIEN.

20

21 **MARIELLA SABA:** THANK YOU, I'M STILL NOT DONE. NO, NO, WE ARE
22 HONORING PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN THE MOMENT. LOS
23 ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ALL CORPORATE NEGOTIATORS
24 INVOLVED IN THESE DESTRUCTIVE, DISGUSTING OLD AND TIRED PLANS,
25 I FILL ILL AND TIRED FROM JUST HEARING EACH OF YOU, STILL

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1 DEALING OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES. SUPERFICIAL CONVERSATIONS. ILL
2 NEGOTIATIONS. SICK THOUGHTS. SICK WORDS OF DESIGN, COST,
3 PRICE, CHEAPER, BILLIONS, MILLIONS? SPEAKING IN TERMS OF BEDS,
4 NOT PEOPLE. MASKED BY MISCONCEPTIONS OF DIVERSION. HOW SAD AND
5 SICK OF YOU ALL TO THEN NEGOTIATE PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH
6 INSIDE CAGES. THERE IS NO NEW AND IMPROVED. THERE IS NO STATE-
7 OF-THE-ART JAILS. REPLACEMENT ON YOUR TERMS IS NEVER A
8 SOLUTION. THERE EXISTS REAL HEALTHY TRANSFORMATIVE SOLUTIONS,
9 AND NONE OF THEM INCLUDE JAILS AND PRISONS. TRUE REPLACEMENT
10 MEANS REPLACING THIS BRUTAL SYSTEM COMPLETELY, HOLISTICALLY
11 ALTOGETHER. THE COMMUNITIES HERE HAVE REAL POWER AND REAL
12 SOLUTIONS. I SEE YOU IN YOUR POSITIONS SITTING ON PILES OF
13 SHAME. FEAR DOMINATES YOUR ACTION. GREED DOMINATES YOUR
14 ADDICTION. SHAME ON EACH OF YOU FOR THE ROLE YOU ARE PLAYING
15 IN THESE TABLES ON THIS EARTH.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JABRIEL MUHAMMAD.

18

19 **MARIELLA SABA:** I WILL CONTINUE TO BRING MY PART TO BRING DOWN
20 THESE ILL, OLD, SYSTEMS AND RECLAIM, RECLAIM, RECOVER.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

23

24 **MARIELLA SABA:** RESET OUR LIVES. [APPLAUSE.]

25

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1 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** OUT OF THE WORDS OF WISDOM-- WOMEN COME
2 WORDS OF WISDOM. EXCUSE ME, OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF WOMEN COME
3 WORDS OF WISDOM. THIS IS BISMILLAH, THE JUSTICE MOVEMENT. I'M
4 SPEAKING IN REGARDS TO THE FACILITY IN THE MENTAL HEALTH. AND
5 WE KNOW THAT THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE
6 MENTAL EVALUATION OF THE SHERIFFS THEMSELVES. WE KNOW THAT
7 THEY PERPETRATE AS A MATTER OF NEWS, THEY PERPETRATE A GREAT
8 MANY CRIMES UPON THE POPULATION THAT THEY ARE TO SERVE. AND
9 I'M CURIOUS AS TO WHAT THEIR MENTAL ANALYSIS WOULD BE. I WOULD
10 LIKE VERY MUCH FOR THAT TO BE SUBJECT TO THEIR \$2 BILLION
11 BEING SPENT. THAT'S AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF MONEY FOR A
12 FACILITY FOR THEM TO ONLY PERPETUATE AND PERPETRATE THE VERY
13 CRIMES THAT THEY'RE COMMITTING AGAINST THE PEOPLE IN THIS
14 RUNDOWN FACILITY. I WOULD OBJECT TO ANY \$2 BILLION BEING SPENT
15 TO BUILD A FACILITY. I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR THAT MONEY TO
16 BE ALLOCATED TO ANALYZE THE PLIGHT OF THE MENTAL HEALTH AND TO
17 COME UP WITH THE RESOLUTION THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH
18 INCARCERATION PER SE. OF COURSE IF YOU COMMIT THE CRIME, YES.
19 BUT IF YOU HAVE BEEN ANALYZED TO BE SOMEONE WHO IS MENTALLY
20 IMBALANCED OR UNBALANCED, THEN WE SHOULD PULL ALL STOPS TO
21 HELP REMEDY YOUR SCENARIO. BUT HERE AGAIN, MY THRUST IS TO
22 EVALUATE THE MENTAL STATE OF THE SHERIFFS THEMSELVES.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MIKE ALVIDREZ. KAREN SHAIN.
25 JERILYN DEITRICK AND ERIC PREVEN. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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1

2 **PAULA PEARLMAN:** THANK YOU. MY NAME'S PAULA PEARLMAN. I'M THE
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DISABILITY RIGHTS LEGAL CENTER, AND
4 I'M A LAW PROFESSOR AT LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. I TEACH DISABILITY
5 RIGHTS AND I HAVE A SPECIAL EXPERTISE IN THE AMERICANS WITH
6 DISABILITIES ACT, ESPECIALLY TITLE 2 OF THE A.D.A. AS IT
7 APPLIES TO GOVERNMENT ENTITIES. SO, UNTIL WE HEARD FROM
8 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THIS WAS
9 A TRAIN STRAIGHT INTO A LAWSUIT. INCARCERATION INSTEAD OF
10 TREATMENT WOULD VIOLATE THE OLMSTED VERSUS L.C. U.S. SUPREME
11 COURT DECISION. THE D.O.J.'S PRIMARY INTEREST RIGHT NOW IS
12 LOOKING AT OLMSTED ISSUES, WHERE YOU ARE UNNECESSARILY
13 SEGREGATING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN INSTITUTIONS AND
14 BUILDING THE JAIL AND WITHOUT TREATMENT OPTIONS WOULD VIOLATE
15 THE A.D.A. SO I REALLY THINK THAT WE NEED TO STEP BACK, TAKE
16 THE TRAIN OUT OF SERVICE, LOOK AT THE DIVERSION OPTIONS, LET
17 THE TASKFORCE DO ITS JOB, AVOID LITIGATION, AND LISTEN TO
18 PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY OPPOSE THE CONSTRUCTION AND ARE DEEPLY
19 CONCERNED ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOW WE USE
20 OUR RESOURCES IN THIS COMMUNITY TO TREAT PEOPLE AND NOT TO
21 HARM THEM. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I ASSUME MIKE'S NOT HERE. KAREN SHAIN?
24 JERILYN DEITRICK. ERIC PREVEN? ARNOLD SACHS, MELLO RACHAEL
25 DESIRE. SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN AND RUTH TODASCO.

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1

2 **MELLO DESIRE:** HI, MY NAME IS MELLO DESIRE. I'M FILMMAKER FOR

3 INNER CITY YOUTHS, ACTIVIST FOR INCARCERATED, ABUSED, HOMELESS

4 INDIVIDUALS. THE POINT IS VANIR'S PRESENTATION TODAY WAS-- IT

5 IS WHAT IT IS. THEY'RE HERE TO INVEST FOR THE SPONSORS OF

6 C.X.W., G.E.O., S.P.G., V.N.X. A LOT OF THESE PRISON STOCKS

7 THAT ARE BEING FILLED OR BEING PAID FOR NEED TO BE FILLED, SO

8 THEREFORE THEY'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT BEDS. THEY'RE GOING TO

9 TALK ABOUT NUMBERS. BUT THE PEOPLE IS WHO I'M REPRESENTING.

10 THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BEFORE THEY BECOME IN JAIL ARE NORMAL

11 PEOPLE. BUT THEY'RE A VICTIM OF SOCIETY WHO DON'T HAVE ANY

12 EDUCATION IN SIMPLE THINGS. THEY ARE COMING FROM ABUSED HOMES.

13 AND THEN YOU HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT SAYS, OKAY, WE DON'T

14 GIVE YOU RESOURCES, BUT WE ARE GOING TO LOCK YOU IN CAGES IF

15 YOU DO SOMETHING BAD. SO PEOPLE LIKE VANIR ARE HERE JUST TO

16 SOLIDIFY THE MASS MILLIONS RATHER THAN HELPING PEOPLE

17 MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY OR EVEN LOOKING AT PEOPLE AS PEOPLE. IT'S

18 ABOUT NUMBERS. SO ME BE IN THAT INSTANCE TRYING TO REPRESENT

19 INNER CITY YOUTHS, AND HOMELESS AND INCARCERATED, I CURRENTLY

20 AM GOING THROUGH MY HOMELESS BAIT DOWN IN SKID ROW. I'VE BEEN

21 APPROVED FOR HOUSING. BUT HOUSING AUTHORITY OF LOS ANGELES,

22 RUN BY DONALD GUTHRIE, DENIED MY HOUSING. WHY IS THAT? I STILL

23 NEED TO KNOW. SO FOR ME TO EVEN HAVE A PLACE OF STABILITY TO

24 HELP THESE INNER- CITY YOUTHS, TO HELP THE INCARCERATED, I

25 CAN'T EVEN DO THAT. SO WHEN IT COMES TO NUMBERS, I REALIZE

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1 THAT IT'S NOT ABOUT PEOPLE; IT'S ABOUT MONEY. AND WHEN WE GET
2 DOWN TO THE POINT OF ALL THESE PEOPLE SAYING WHAT THEY FEEL OF
3 WHERE FUNDING IS GOING, IT'S FALLING ON DEAF EARS. BECAUSE AT
4 THE END OF THE DAY, YOUR AUTO GOING TO DO WHATEVER YOU GUYS
5 FEEL IS RIGHT FOR YOUR POCKET, NOT FOR THE PEOPLE.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ROBERT GORDH AND
8 ANDY ISRAEL.

9

10 **SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN:** MY NAME IS SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN I'M FROM THE
11 GLOBAL WOMEN'S STRIKE. I'M ALSO A MOTHER, A GRANDMOTHER AND A
12 REGISTERED NURSE. I'M HERE TO SAY THAT WOMEN OF L.A. DO NOT
13 NEED A NEW OR BIGGER JAIL FOR WOMEN. THE PROPOSED MIRA LOMA
14 SITE IS 75 MILES AWAY FROM OUR COMMUNITIES, AND THE BUILDING
15 IS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION. L.A. JAILS ABOUT 2,000 WOMEN
16 DAILY, DISPROPORTIONATELY WOMEN OF COLOR. 46 PERCENT OF WOMEN
17 ARE BEING HELD IN JAILS JUST BECAUSE THEY CAN'T AFFORD BAIL.
18 AS MANY AS 70 PERCENT OF WOMEN JAILED IN L.A. ARE MOTHERS. THE
19 MAJORITY SINGLE MOMS WITH THE GREATEST IMPACT ON BLACK AND
20 BROWN FAMILIES WHOSE CHILDREN ARE AT RISK OF ENDING UP IN
21 FOSTER CARE OR BEING ADOPTED. 11 PERCENT OF WOMEN ARE SEVERELY
22 MENTALLY ILL. YOU HEARD THE YOUNG WOMAN WHO IS INTERNING AT
23 THE WOMEN'S JAIL IN LYNWOOD. AND SUPERIOR COURT TERRY SMURLING
24 SAID IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES THAT BEING INCARCERATED IS
25 LIKELY TO EXACERBATE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND TO INCREASE

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1 THE LIKELIHOOD THAT INMATES WILL COMMIT NEW CRIMES UPON THEIR
2 RELEASE. IT'S REALLY GOOD TO HEAR YOU SERIOUSLY DISCUSS
3 DIVERSION FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS FOR THE FIRST TIME.
4 IF YOU COMMIT TO IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY-BASED MENTAL HEALTH
5 AND DRUG ABUSE DIVERSION PROGRAMS, AND WE URGE YOU TO ADD
6 FAMILY REUNIFICATION AND PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAMS, THEN
7 THERE'S NO NEED FOR A NEW WOMEN'S JAIL. WOMEN URGE YOU TO
8 REJECT CONSTRUCTION OF THE WOMEN'S JAIL AND INSTEAD TO
9 PRIORITIZE REDUCING THE POVERTY OF WOMEN, WHICH RESULTS IN
10 WOMEN BEING CRIMINALIZED IN THE FIRST PLACE. \$2 BILLION WOULD
11 BE A GOOD START. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

14

15 **RUTH TODASCO:** OKAY. MY NAME IS RUTH TODASCO, I'M SPEAKING ON
16 BEHALF OF THE EVERY MOTHER IS A WORKING MOTHER NETWORK. I'M A
17 MOTHER AND A GRANDMOTHER. AND WHAT WE SEE IS THAT WOMEN ARE
18 THE FASTEST GROWING POPULATION OF THOSE BEING INCARCERATED
19 WITH MINIMUM WAGE LEVELS SO LOW THAT WE CANNOT SUPPORT
20 OURSELVES OR OUR CHILDREN AND THE DISMANTLING OF ANY SAFETY
21 NET, INCLUDING WELFARE. WOMEN ARE FORCED TO DO WHATEVER WE CAN
22 TO KEEP A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS AND FEED OUR CHILDREN, RESULTING
23 IN INCREASING NUMBERS OF MOMS BEING CRIMINALIZED. 1400 OF THE
24 WOMEN JAILED IN 2013 WERE MOTHERS. THEIR CHILDREN WERE AT
25 GRAVE RISK OF ENDING UP IN L.A.'S TROUBLED FOSTER CARE SYSTEM

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1 OR ADOPTED OUT TO STRANGERS. BUILDING A NEW JAIL 75 MILES AWAY
2 IN LANCASTER WILL MAKE REGULAR VISITING FOR FAMILIES AND LOVED
3 ONES PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE. A SEPARATION, ESPECIALLY
4 TRAUMATIC FOR CHILDREN. THE ALTERNATIVE TO CREATE VIDEO
5 VISITATION LIMITS PHYSICAL FAMILY CONTACT, WHICH HAS BEEN
6 SHOWN TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM BY 25 PERCENT. MOTHERS OF L.A. URGE
7 YOU TO REJECT THIS PLAN OF A NEW WOMEN'S JAIL. IT WOULD BE
8 UNCONSCIONABLE TO SPEND \$120 MILLION TO BUILD A NEW WOMEN'S
9 JAIL PLUS MILLIONS MORE TO RUN THE FACILITY RATHER THAN
10 PRIORITIZING RESOURCES TO END THE POVERTY OF WOMEN AND
11 CHILDREN IN L.A. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

14

15 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I
16 HEARD A LOT OF DIFFERENT THINGS. FIRST OF ALL, THE
17 MISPERCEPTION HERE, REGARDING THE SHERIFF AND THE OVERSIGHT OF
18 THE NEW JAILS, THEY MAY HAVE THE OVERSIGHT OF THE NEW JAILS,
19 BUT IT'S THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT NEGOTIATE WITH THE RANK
20 AND FILE REGARDING POLICIES FOR THE SHERIFF. THE SHERIFF'S NOT
21 INVOLVED IN THOSE NEGOTIATIONS. HE GETS TO DEAL WITH WHAT THE
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN THE RANK AND FILE DECIDE WHAT IS
23 POLICY. MAKES IT VERY TOUGH TO HAVE ANY KIND OF OVERSIGHT
24 REGARDING THE POSITION. RESIDENTIAL DRUG TREATMENT OUTREACH
25 PROGRAMS. THAT MEANS DEALING WITH THE 88 OTHER COMMUNITIES IN

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1 THE COUNTY. HAVE YOU BEEN TO ANY LOCAL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
2 WHERE YOU'VE DISCUSSED THAT? IT'S TOUGH. IT REMINDS ME, BUT
3 WHAT REALLY REMINDS ME OF THIS DISCUSSION IS-- AND IT'S
4 OUTSIDE THE BOX AND PEOPLE JUST FOCUS ON SOME THINGS BUT
5 CHANGING THE SPOTS ON A LEOPARD. I'VE HEARD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
6 FUNDING. HAVE YOU LOOKED INTO ANYTHING THESE PEOPLE HAVE DONE
7 REGARDING THE TRANSIT SITUATION IN THIS COUNTY? YOU KNOW, A
8 FEW YEARS AGO THEY TALKED ABOUT MEASURE R RAISING \$40 BILLION,
9 BUT THE BUDGET PROCESS FROM THE YEAR BEFORE SHOWS THAT THE
10 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY WAS MAKING LESS THAN
11 \$700 MILLION A YEAR SO THEY WERE GOING TO DOUBLE SALES TAX
12 REVENUE IN LESS THAN A YEAR. AND NOBODY'S QUESTIONED IT. THESE
13 ARE THE SAME PEOPLE COMING UP WITH THESE NUMBERS. YOU CAN'T
14 CHANGE THE SPOTS ON A LEOPARD. YOU REALLY WANT CHANGE? YOU
15 BETTER START, WHEN YOU GO TO VOTE, GO TO VOTE WITH A RECALL IN
16 MIND. AND SOMEBODY SUGGESTED MAKE CHANGES WITH SUGGESTIONS.
17 D.C.F.S. WAS HONORED TODAY AND YET THEY HAVE A BLUE RIBBON
18 COMMISSION TO TELL YOU HOW LOUSY D.C.F.S. IS DOING.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** KEEP THAT IN MIND.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** SIR, GO AHEAD.

25

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1 **ROBERT GORDH:** OKAY. MY NAME IS ROBERT GORDH. I'D LIKE TO QUOTE
2 FROM AN OP ED PIECE IN THE L.A. TIMES BY TERRY SMURLING WHO IS
3 A JUDGE ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT. HE SAYS, "AS
4 A LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE WITH MORE THAN 31
5 YEARS ON THE CRIMINAL BENCH, I AM ALL TOO FAMILIAR WITH WHAT
6 HAPPENS WHEN PEOPLE WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS GET CAUGHT UP
7 IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. I HAVE SEEN FIRSTHAND THE JAIL
8 IS AN INAPPROPRIATE PLACE FOR MANY OF THE MENTALLY ILL
9 DEFENDANTS WHO END UP THERE. BEING INCARCERATED IS LIKELY TO
10 EXACERBATE MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS AND TO INCREASE THE
11 LIKELIHOOD THAT INMATES WILL COMMIT NEW CRIMES UPON THEIR
12 RELEASE.."INSTEAD OF SPENDING LARGE AMOUNTS ON A BETTER JAIL
13 EXPERIENCE FOR THEM, WE SHOULD SPEND MONEY ON LOCAL TREATMENT
14 PROGRAMS THAT WOULD KEEP LOW RISK OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL
15 ILLNESS OUT OF JAIL. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE MENTALLY ILL
16 DEFENDANTS WHO APPEAR BEFORE ME HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH LOW
17 LEVEL NONVIOLENT FELONIES SUCH AS REPETITIVE THEFTS OR SIMPLE
18 DRUG POSSESSION. MY GOAL IS GENERALLY TO TRY TO PLACE THEM IN
19 APPROPRIATE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS AS A CONDITION OF
20 PROBATION. BUT THIS HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT BECAUSE
21 OF A SHRINKING NUMBER OF TREATMENT SLOTS." I'LL HAVE TO SKIP
22 OVER THE REST. BUT SURELY JUDGE SMURLING WOULD SUPPORT
23 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IN
24 CALLING FOR VERY SERIOUS EXPLORATION OF DIVERSION

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1 POSSIBILITIES. AND THAT SHOULD HAPPEN NOT JUST PARALLEL TO BUT
2 RATHER BEFORE A DECISION IS MADE ABOUT JAIL PLANS.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE TWO MOTIONS ARE BEFORE
5 US. [SILENCE.]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN? MR. FUJIOKA, MY UNDERSTANDING,
8 I'VE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE NUMBERS THAT WERE BEING RAISED BY
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN VETTED BY THE
10 C.E.O.'S OFFICE?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHEN YOU SAY THE NUMBERS, WHEN IT COMES TO
13 STAFFING, I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT BEFORE WE CAN FINALIZE
14 THOSE NUMBERS, ONE CRITICAL ELEMENT IS SOMETHING SIMPLE LIKE
15 THE FLOOR PLAN. I BELIEVE AS WE MOVE FORWARD RIGHT NOW AND WE
16 START WORKING WITH THE ARCHITECT THAT WE'D LIKE TO BRING ON
17 BOARD, WE CAN HAVE SOME GREATER CLARITY ON THE SPACE THAT WILL
18 BE AVAILABLE FOR STAFF AND THAT WILL ALSO HELP US FINALIZE THE
19 STAFFING PLAN.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEN YOU'LL HAVE AN INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS OF
22 THE FINANCIAL AS THIS MOVES ALONG, MR. CHAIRMAN?

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

25

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I MAKE A REQUEST THAT ON THE MOTION THAT
2 YOU'VE INTRODUCED THAT IT INCLUDE--

3

4 **SUP. KNAVE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT THE ANTONOVICH-MOLINA
5 MOTION?

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL IT WAS THE MOLINA ANTONOVICH MOTION,
8 BUT I GUESS IT'S NOW THE ANTONOVICH-MOLINA MOTION. ON THE
9 FIRST POINT, WE FURTHER MOVE YOU PUT COST-EFFECTIVE AND
10 OPERATION PLAN, THE CAPITAL PLAN.

11

12 **SUP. KNAVE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MEAN THE CONSTRUCTION PLAN?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. THE CONSTRUCTION PLAN AS WELL AS THE
15 OPERATIONAL PLAN. I THINK THEY NEED TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.

16

17 **SUP. KNAVE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S ALL COMING BACK IN 60 DAYS, CORRECT?
20 RIGHT, BILL? IS THAT THE PLAN?

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** YES, IT WOULD BE.

23

24 **SUP. KNAVE, CHAIRMAN:** AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO TRY FOR 60 DAYS
25 IN YOUR MOTION EVEN THOUGH JACKIE ASKED FOR 120?

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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PROGRESS REPORT IN 60.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PROGRESS REPORT IN 60, VERY GOOD. OKAY.

5 WITH THAT--

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ROLL CALL.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ROLL CALL.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WHICH ONE ARE YOU

12 TAKING UP FIRST? ARE YOU TAKING UP--?

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I GUESS WE CAN DO THEM INDEPENDENTLY.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TAKE THEM BOTH TOGETHER? OR WANT TO DIVIDE.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SEPARATELY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FIRST OF ALL, MOLINA ANTONOVICH MOTION.

21

22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR

23 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION.

24

25 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS AMENDED AND CLARIFIED BY YAROSLAVSKY.

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1

2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** CORRECT AND ALSO SUPERVISOR MOLINA
3 HAD AN AMENDMENT, AS WELL.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT.

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?
12 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AYE. MOTION PASSES.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE NEXT MOTION IS SUPERVISOR
25 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S.

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1

2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU OUGHT TO JUST ANNOUNCE THE VOTE, BECAUSE
3 I DON'T THINK IT--

4

5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE MOLINA-ANTONOVICH MOTION PASSED 3-2,
6 YOU WANT EVERYBODY TO KNOW THAT? OKAY.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** 3-1-1, I THINK IT WAS. ONE ABSTENTION.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 3-1-1.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M TRYING TO JUST HELP THEM OUT.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

15

16 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON THE NEXT MOTION, SUPERVISOR
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION. AND IT WAS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR
18 YAROSLAVSKY.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUP. MOLINA?

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** AYE.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

25

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1 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

2

3 SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

4

5 SUP. YAROSLAVSKY: AYE.

6

7 SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

8

9 SUP. ANTONOVICH: AYE.

10

11 SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

12

13 SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: AYE.

14

15 SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: MOTION CARRIES.

16

17 SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN: THAT WAS 5-0. [APPLAUSE.] BOTH MOTIONS

18 PASS.

19

20 SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER: CORRECT.

21

22 SUP. KNABE, CHAIR: ALL RIGHT. WHAT DO WE HAVE LEFT ON THE

23 AGENDA?

24

25 SUP. ANTONOVICH: PUBLIC COMMENT?

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THE FIRST, EXCUSE ME, WE'RE GOING
3 TO PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST ONE IS FROM LANCASTER, STEPHANIE
4 GRANAI ?

5

6 **STEPHANIE GRANAI:** HELLO. MY NAME IS STEPHANIE GRANAI. AND I AM
7 A FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON
8 H.I.V., S.P.A. 1 SERVICE PROVIDER C. AND THE ONLY REASON WHY I
9 MENTION THAT IS TO ILLUSTRATE THAT I HAVE WORKING KNOWLEDGE AS
10 WELL AS A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THE S.P.A 1 COMMUNITY. S.P.A. 1
11 IS ROUTINELY IGNORED OR DISREGARDED WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING
12 DECISIONS THAT DIRECTLY IMPACT US AS A COMMUNITY. THE CURRENT
13 ISSUE OF CHRISTOPHER HUBBARD, THE PILLOW CASE RAPIST PROPOSED
14 HOUSING AND MAKE LOS ANGELES AS A PRIME EXAMPLE. S.P.A. 1
15 RESIDENTS ARE BEING FORCED TO DRIVE OVER SIX HOURS ONE WAY TO
16 BE HEARD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS. FOR MANY, THAT EQUATES TO
17 HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN GAS AND LOST WAGES. THAT'S NOT
18 REASONABLE ACCESS TO THE PROCESS. A LETTER IS NO SUBSTITUTE
19 FOR MY ABILITY TO SPEAK AT THE HEARING. IT'S NOT FEASIBLE TO
20 PROVIDE BUSES TO 350,000 PLUS RESIDENTS TO GO TO SANTA CLARA.
21 HOW DO WE DECIDE WHO GETS TO GO ON THE BUS? I ALSO DON'T
22 FORESEE JUDGE BROWN BEING WILLING TO COME TO S.P.A 1 FOR THE
23 HEARINGS. I'M SITTING HERE RIGHT NOW, THIS VERY MOMENT
24 SPEAKING AT THIS MEETING USING THE SOLUTION. WE WANT A LIVE
25 BROADCAST TO THE PUBLIC HEARINGS RIGHT HERE IN THE LANCASTER

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1 LIBRARY WITH THE ABILITY TO GIVE PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS ROOM HAS
2 300-PERSON CAPACITY. THIS EQUATES TO FOUR BUSES. FOUR BUSES TO
3 SANTA CLARA WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$10,000. WE HAVE HUNDREDS
4 OF RESIDENTS THAT WANT TO SPEAK IF THEY CAN SPEAK ON DAY ONE.
5 IF THEY CAN'T SPEAK ON DAY ONE, THEY CAN GO HOME AND THEY COME
6 BACK IN THE MORNING AND NOT HAVE TO SLEEP ON THE LAWN OF THE
7 SANTA CLARA COURTHOUSE. WE SHOULD NOT BE RUSHED TO SPEAK IN
8 ONE DAY. THE FINANCIALLY STRUGGLING SHOULD NOT BE SILENCED
9 BECAUSE THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO GO. THE EQUIPMENT IS INSTALLED.
10 THE CAPACITY'S ALREADY HERE. COORDINATE WITH THE SANTA
11 COURTHOUSE TO BROADCAST THE HEARING FOR CHRISTOPHER HUBBARD AT
12 THE LANCASTER PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LET ALL S.P.A. 1 RESIDENTS BE
13 HEARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST SAY THAT'S A GOOD SUGGESTION. I
18 DON'T KNOW IF THE STATE COURT WOULD ALLOW AN OPEN HEARING, BUT
19 WE CAN INQUIRE WITH OUR COUNTY COUNSEL IF THEY ALLOW OPEN
20 HEARING AND IF THEY DO, IF THEY COULD VIDEOTAPE THAT IN THE
21 ANTELOPE VALLEY LIBRARY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. AND THEY'LL GET
22 BACK TO YOU ON THAT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ARNOLD SACHS? IRENE PANG.
25 MONICA COLLIER. NEXT THREE SPEAKERS? PETER OROPEZA? FOR THOSE

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1 OF YOU STILL LEFT IN THE AUDIENCE, IF YOU WOULD EITHER MOVE
2 YOUR CONVERSATIONS OUTSIDE THE BOARDROOM OR SPEAK SOFTLY, SO
3 WE CAN HEAR THE SPEAKERS HERE.

4

5 **IRENE PANG:** I'M IRENE. SINCE MY NAME AND OTHERS' NAME HAVE
6 BEEN MENTIONED, I RESENT THAT THE _____ ALWAYS INTEND TO HURT
7 OTHERS' IMAGE. EVEN THE PRESIDENT'S IMAGE DAMAGED WHO WAS THE
8 REVELATION, THE VICTIM AND NEED SOMEONE'S THEIR RESPONSE. IN
9 FACT, I HAVE FEELING SOME PERSONS WHO WANT TO COLLECT THE
10 EXCELLENCE IN WORKING HARD TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT STAFF
11 THAT WITH COME ON THE RESULT OF THE WORKING WHEN UNITED STATES
12 FACE THE DIFFICULTY. WHO BEING REVELATION OVER THERE, WHO
13 BEING THE VICTIM OVER THE REVELATION AND THE MISTAKE. I ASK
14 THE GOVERNMENT AND JUSTICE TO SEE THEM OVER IN CALIFORNIA
15 NATIONAL TO INVESTIGATE AND ADJUST THE FACT. SECOND, CONFIRM I
16 NEED MY CAR AND ALL MY PERSONAL BELONGINGS COVERED WHEN MY CAR
17 USING ON DUTY TO PROTECT THE GOVERNMENT, THEY ALREADY SEIZED
18 THEM AND SOMEONE BEING LOCKED IN THE JAIL WHEN HE WALK IN THE
19 POLICE COMMANDER OFFICE RELATED IN ORDER TO SEE THEM. AFTER
20 THAT, ANOTHER BUSINESS AND THE PERSONAL, THE PROPERTY,
21 PERSONAL ACCOUNTS COLLECT. THIRD, I REQUIRE THE GOVERNMENT AND
22 THE JUSTICE SYSTEM OF CALIFORNIA TO ACCEPT THE LAW AND TO THE
23 LOCATE IN THE SMALL HOUSE LOCATED IN 3129 LA MITAWA IN EL
24 MONTE AND OTHERS. ILLEGAL OCCUPY OR USING OTHERS' PROPERTY
25 NEED TO RECOVER THEIR PROPERTY. AND THE ONE WHO'S LOST.

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, IRENE. NEXT? OKAY. NEXT, NO,
3 IRENE, THANK YOU. IRENE, YOU NEVER LISTEN TO ME. I KNOW. OKAY,
4 MA'AM, GO AHEAD.

5

6 **MONICA COLLIER:** I AM MONICA MARIE COLLIER.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** COULD YOU TELL IRENE?

9

10 **MONICA COLLIER:** I'M MONICA MARIE COLLIER, MOTHER, ARTIST,
11 DIRECTOR OF THE MUSIC FOR PEACE FOUNDATION. MY MESSAGE TODAY
12 IS HIGHLY PERSONAL. I ALSO WORK FOR PIER 1 AND I FEEL IT
13 REFLECTS ON TODAY'S DISCUSSIONS. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO
14 THANK THE BOARD FOR THE REVIEW AND DISSEMINATION OF
15 INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD DURING MY LAST PUBLIC
16 COMMENT LAST WEEK. THANKS TO C.C.H.R. AND THE COMMUNICATION
17 BETWEEN BARBARA BOXER, MIRIAM WILLIAMSON, GLORIA ALLRED AND
18 LISA HUGHES, THE D.C.F.S. CASE INVOLVING MYSELF AND MY SON
19 MICHAEL SUNDAY AUGUSTINE COLLIER IS NOW CLOSED. HOWEVER, MY
20 SON IS STILL IN THE CUSTODY OF A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
21 PERPETRATOR, AND IN MY EYES A VERY DANGEROUS GROUP OF
22 INDIVIDUALS. MY SON AND I-- EXCUSE ME, I AM REQUESTING THAT
23 THE BOARD AGAIN REVIEW THE INFORMATION THAT I'VE SUBMITTED AND
24 REPORT TODAY IN BRIEF, REGARDING THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY
25 THE DEPARTMENT LIAISON ALDO AND THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. I

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1 IMPLORE THE BOARD TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE MAYOR GARCETTI TO
2 SUPPORT THE INFORMATION EXCHANGE AND COMMUNICATION WITH JACKIE
3 LACEY AND JENNIFER DUBOIS, THE CHILD ABDUCTION UNIT TO RETURN
4 MY SON, MICHAEL SUNDAY AUGUSTINE COLLIER, TO ME AS SOON AS
5 POSSIBLE. I ALSO ASK THE BOARD TO FACILITATE, ELEVATE AND
6 SUPPORT MYSELF THROUGH THE VICTIM'S WITNESS CRIME PROGRAM AND
7 PAY ATTENTION AND STOP THE CIVIL HARASSMENT THAT MY CHILD AND
8 I HAVE HAD TO ENDURE THROUGH THE VIOLENCE, PERSONAL PROPERTY
9 AND EQUAL HOUSING IDENTITY THEFT, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY AND
10 PROPERTY DAMAGE TO MY B.M.W. 328I THAT WAS HIT ON VALENTINE'S
11 DAY BY A CITY EMPLOYEE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL. THANK YOU
12 VERY MUCH. HAVE A NICE DAY.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WHOEVER'S NEXT.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OKAY, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. TWO MINUTES. THANK
17 YOU VERY MUCH. WHAT HAPPENED? A COUPLE THINGS. THIS IS A
18 STORY.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT 30 SECONDS?

21

22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I WOULD TAKE 30 SECONDS IF YOU ACTUALLY ANSWERED
23 A QUESTION, SUPERVISOR KNABE. WHAT YOU DO IS RUN YOUR YAPPER.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. WELL, YOU'RE GOING TO BE
2 OUT OF ORDER HERE IN ABOUT A SECOND. YOU WILL BE DONE
3 TESTIFYING.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** LISTEN, YOU'RE MAKING A COMMENT, I'M MAKING A
6 COMMENT BACK. I CAN'T MAKE A COMMENT TO YOUR COMMENT, IS THAT
7 WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU KNOW WHAT THE DECORUM IS, MR. SACHS.
10 IF YOU WANT TO ABIDE TO IT. YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER. MR. OROPEZA,
11 YOU'RE NEXT.

12

13 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HOW CAN I BE OUT OF ORDER?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. I JUST RULED YOU OUT OF
16 ORDER. THANK YOU. MR. OROPEZA, YOU'RE NEXT. I ASK EDUARDO
17 MARTINEZ TO JOIN US. I WOULD ASK DAYVON WILLIAMS TO JOIN US.
18 I'D ASK JESUS HILARIO TO JOIN US. AND TOBBY REAL.

19

20 **PETER OROPEZA:** HI, MY NAME IS PETER OROPEZA FATHER OF MEORO,
21 WHICH SIGNIFIES MIANO EROS OLGA ROSABELLA OROPEZA. I'VE BEEN
22 GOING THROUGH SOME SERIOUS ORDEALS WITH CHILD SERVICES FOR
23 THREE YEARS AND I'M VERY DISAPPOINTED IN HOW THEY'RE
24 CONDUCTING THEIR SERVICES AND EVALUATIONS ABOUT MY CHILDREN'S
25 WELL-BEING WITH THEIR MOTHER THAT'S DOING A LOT OF HARM TO

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1 THEM PSYCHOLOGICALLY, PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY SCARRING
2 THESE CHILDREN. YOU GUYS ARE TALKING ABOUT HELPING THE
3 COMMUNITY AND JAILS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PROBLEMS, YOU GUYS ARE
4 THE CAUSE OF THIS. THESE CHILDREN ARE BEING VICTIMIZED, AND I
5 COME TO THE TABLE TO TRY TO HELP MY CHILDREN. EVERYWHERE I GO,
6 THE DOORS ARE CLOSED ON ME. THEY MODIFY THE STATEMENTS OF THE
7 CHILDREN. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE HAVE TO LIVE IN A SOCIETY
8 LIKE THIS. YOU GUYS ARE PRAISING THE LORD ALL DAY IN THE
9 MORNING AND YOU ARE PRAISING CHILD SERVICES. I DON'T PRAISE
10 CHILD SERVICES FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO MY FAMILY. I AM
11 HOMELESS. I LOST MY BUSINESS. I USED TO MAKE A QUARTER MILLION
12 DOLLARS. I'M VERY DISGUSTED OF THIS. WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING
13 TO OUR COMMUNITY? I'M VERY HURT. I WAS REFERRED TO HERE BY THE
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY GIL GARCETTI'S SON. OCTOBER 7 I CONTACTED
15 REBECCA KIMS FROM DON KNABE'S OFFICE.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CORRECT.

18

19 **PETER OROPEZA:** AND THEY SPOKE WITH THEM AND THEY INTERACTED
20 WITH ME AND THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY WERE GOING TO HELP MY
21 SITUATION. THEY HIGHLIGHTED MY CASE. D.C.F.S. WAS GIVEN A
22 VIDEO OF THE CHILD TELLING THEM WHAT TOOK PLACE OF THE ABUSE.
23 AND BASICALLY THEY CAME BACK AND SAID THAT THEY DIDN'T FIND NO
24 ABUSE. IT TOOK THEM FOUR MONTHS TO DO THEIR INVESTIGATION. IT
25 USUALLY TAKES 30 DAYS. AND NOW MY KIDS, I HAVE NOT SEEN MY

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1 KIDS SINCE THE 3RD OF OCTOBER. I SPEAK WITH THEM JUST TWICE,
2 AND THEY TELL ME THAT THERE'S STILL ABUSE GOING ON AND I
3 PHYSICALLY HEAR IT. AND I DON'T KNOW WHO TO TURN TO, WHO TO
4 TRUST ANYMORE. WHAT IS GOING ON WITH YOU PEOPLE HERE? WHAT ARE
5 YOU DOING?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. JUST FOR THE RECORD, WE HAVE
8 MET WITH YOU. AND D.C.F.S. CLOSED OUT YOUR LAST COMPLAINT YOU
9 MADE IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR AS INCONCLUSIVE. AND WE'RE AT
10 THE POINT WHERE WE REALLY HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO DO ANYTHING
11 ABOUT WHAT'S DECIDED IN THE FAMILY COURT. SO YOU ARE WILLING
12 AND FREE TO MEET WITH THE D.C.F.S. FOLKS BACK THERE AGAIN,
13 HE'S RAISING HIS HAND BACK THERE IF YOU'D LIKE TO TALK TO THEM
14 AGAIN.

15

16 **PETER OROPEZA:** I LOST FAITH IN THE SYSTEM.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO TELL YOU, THEN. YOU
19 HAVE TO GO BACK TO COURT.

20

21 **PETER OROPEZA:** -- AND WHOEVER WAS IN CHARGE OF ALL THESE
22 INTERACTIONS WITH MY CHILDREN WILL BE, YOU KNOW, DEAL WITH THE
23 CONSEQUENCES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO, THOUGH, THANK
2 YOU. EDUARDO MARTINEZ. IS THAT YOU, SIR?

3

4 **EDUARDO MARTINEZ:** YES, THAT'S ME.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** GO AHEAD.

7

8 **EDUARDO MARTINEZ:** YES. MY NAME IS EDUARDO MARTINEZ, CHAIRMAN
9 AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME
10 THE TIME TO VOICE MY OPINION ON THE PRESENT OUTBREAK OF
11 MENINGITIS. WE ARE A.H.F. A.I.D.S. HEALTH FOUNDATION REPRESENT
12 A VERY LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE GAY COMMUNITY THAT COULD
13 NOT BE HERE TODAY TO BE HEARD BUT STILL, WE NEED THE
14 MENINGITIS VACCINATIONS MADE AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE THAT NEEDS
15 IT. ANOTHER NEED THAT WE HAVE, ANOTHER THING I WANT TO MENTION
16 IS THAT WE NEED A SPECIAL FUND IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO THE
17 PRESENT OUTBREAK OF MENINGITIS AND TO HELP DIFFERENT GAY
18 ORGANIZATIONS IN THE GAY COMMUNITY, FOR EXAMPLE, A.H.F. AND
19 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE A VACCINATION AVAILABLE
20 TO EVERYONE. L.A. COUNTY SHOULD REACH OUT TO A.H.F. OF THE
21 LARGEST FOUNDATION TO HELP WITH THE VACCINATIONS WHERE THEY
22 ARE PROVIDED REGARDLESS OF THE ABILITY TO PAY TO A LARGE
23 NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE AT RISK. THROUGH THE COUNTY AND TO
24 THE WORLD. I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE L.A. COUNTY
25 HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS RESPONDING TO THIS OUTBREAK OF

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1 MENINGITIS. AND LAST I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA
2 FOR BEING THE ONLY SUPERVISOR WHO DID RESPOND TO MY EMAIL THAT
3 IT WAS SENT TO ALL OF YOU IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN MORE INFORMATION
4 REGARDING THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR. YOUR NAME?

7

8 **TOBBY REAL:** TOBY REAL.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, TOBBY, LET ME CALL UP LEONARDO
11 MARTINEZ, JOSEPH JIMENEZ, RAUL AMEZQUITA AND HECTOR HERNANDEZ.
12 GO AHEAD, SIR.

13

14 **TOBBY REAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS TOBBY REAL. RESIDENT OF
15 LOS ANGELES IN THE HIGHLAND PARK DISTRICT. GOOD MORNING, MISS
16 MOLINA. IT'S BEEN ABOUT FOUR SESSIONS NOW THAT WE'VE BEEN HERE
17 TO SEE THIS COUNCIL WITH NO ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS.
18 MENINGITIS COULD TURN INTO ANOTHER BIRD FLU SCARE AND THIS
19 COUNTY AS FAR AS WE KNOW BECAUSE OF EACH OF YOUR SILENCE ON
20 THIS ISSUE HAS DONE NOTHING. IT'S TIME TO LIFT THE SILENCE,
21 ALLOW THE UNDERINSURED ACCESS TO THE VACCINE WHICH IS
22 CURRENTLY NOT AVAILABLE UNLESS YOU'RE UNINSURED AND PUT PEOPLE
23 IN THE FIELD TO EDUCATE THE SYMPTOMS OF MENINGITIS AND OTHER
24 DISEASES. DEVELOP A HEALTH FUND TO KICK IN OR ARE WE GOING TO
25 WAIT FOR THE FEDS OR THE STATE TO DO THAT? THAT'S BEEN A

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1 SUCCESS IN THE PAST, HASN'T IT? THREE WEEKS AGO AS FAR AS WE
2 KNOW TODAY, A TOTAL OF EIGHT DEAD. AND THAT'S JUST BEEN IN THE
3 LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS. HOW MANY MORE, MR. CHAIRMAN, ARE GOING
4 TO DIE? THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

7

8 **LEONARDO MARTINEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. GOOD
9 AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS LEONARDO MARTINEZ. I AM
10 A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION MEMBER. I LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY
11 AND I AM AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF SOCIETY. WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE
12 COUNTY RESPONSE TO THE MENINGITIS CRISIS. MY PEERS ASK ME WHAT
13 ARE THE SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MENINGITIS? OUR COMMUNITY
14 ARE NOT WELL-INFORMED. WE NEED YOU TO REACH OUT TO THE
15 COMMUNITIES AT RISK. WE RECOMMEND YOU AGAIN TO SEND MOBILE
16 UNITS TO THE AREAS, PLEASE. AND I AM PLEADING TO YOUR HEART.
17 PLEASE HELP US. WE NEED TO KNOW THAT YOU CARE ABOUT US,
18 PLEASE. AND THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

21

22 **HECTOR HERNANDEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
23 HECTOR HERNANDEZ. I'M HERE TODAY TO TALK ABOUT MENINGITIS. AS
24 A GAY MAN, I'M CONCERNED ABOUT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RESPONSE
25 TO HEALTH EMERGENCIES. I WANT TO KNOW HOW IS THE DEPARTMENT OF

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1 HEALTH GOING TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL MENINGITIS CASES. I HAD
2 COME EVERY WEEK TO SPEAK TO YOU. I RESPECTFULLY WILL ASK YOU
3 TO TELL US WHAT ARE THE STEPS THAT THE COUNTRY IS TAKING TO
4 PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES? YOUR SILENCE DEPRESS ME. WE NEED
5 ANSWERS, PLEASE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LISTENING.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

8

9 **JOSEPH JIMENEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSEPH JIMENEZ. AGAIN, I AM HERE TO
11 DISCUSS SPINAL MENINGITIS. I HAD GONE TO MY DOCTOR, WHICH I
12 WAITED THREE MONTHS TO SEE. I RECEIVED A SHOT BY ONLY ASKING
13 MY DOCTOR. THERE WAS THREE OTHER PEOPLE IN THE SAME ROOM THAT
14 HAD THE SAME INSURANCE I HAD THAT WAS DENIED. IT PUZZLED ME.
15 WHY? THERE WAS ONE LADY WHO WAS H.I.V. POSITIVE AND BROKE OUT
16 IN TEARS. SHE SAID "SIR, DO YOU HAVE AN ANSWER?" I SAID "NO, I
17 DON'T." I SAID, "BUT I WILL ASK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHO I
18 TRUSTED AND VOTED FOR" AND I HOPE THAT SOMEBODY HERE TODAY
19 COULD ANSWER THIS QUESTION WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITHOUT SENDING ME
20 TO A CLERK OR TO AN INLET OF SOME SORT. IT'S A VERY SMALL
21 QUESTION. AND I HOPE SOMEONE CAN ANSWER. BUT IT WASN'T MY
22 INSURANCE. I GOT MY SHOT. IT WAS THE OTHER PEOPLE.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN YOU TELL US WHO THE INSURANCE IS?

25

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1 **JOSEPH JIMENEZ:** AGAIN IT'S THOUGH A CLERK. I THANK YOU SO
2 MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHOEVER CAN CALL MY OFFICE AND WE CAN FIND OUT
5 WHAT INSURANCE WILL COVER IT.

6

7 **JOSEPH JIMENEZ:** THEY HAD MEDI-MEDI, SAME AS I.

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF THEY DO, THEN IT SHOULD BE COVERED.

10

11 **JOSEPH JIMENEZ:** THEY WERE NOT. THEY WERE ALL DENIED.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** HAVE YOU CALLED MY OFFICE? ASK THAT PERSON TO DO
14 SO. WE WILL LOOK AT THEIR INSURANCE CARD TO SEE WHERE THEY GET
15 THE COVERAGE.

16

17 **JOSEPH JIMENEZ:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT?

22

23 **RAUL AMEZQUITA:** MY NAME IS RAUL AMEZQUITA GOOD AFTERNOON,
24 CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS THE NEED FOR THE
25 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL FUND TO HELP

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1 REACH A LARGER NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND MAKE VACCINATIONS LIKE
2 MENINGITIS AVAILABLE TO ALL INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS OF
3 INSURANCE STATUS. I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THE LACK OF INFORMATION
4 IN THE MEDIA THAT I GET, FOR EXAMPLE, TELEVISION, REGARDING
5 WHERE THE VACCINATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY. I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO PRESENT MY NEEDS AND
7 CONCERNS.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. I WOULD ASK LAILA GORING, DAVID
10 BARRY, RANDA REID AND MELLO DESIRE.

11

12 **LAILA GORING:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY
13 NAME IS LAILA GORING. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK ABOUT THE
14 MENINGITIS SCARE. AS THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH MANAGER OF THE
15 A.I.D.S. HEALTH OUTREACH FOUNDATION, I UNDERSTAND THAT PUBLIC
16 HEALTH IS BASED ON SEEKING COOPERATION OF THE ENTIRE
17 COMMUNITY. IN OUR EFFORTS TO COOPERATE AND IMPROVE CARE TO OUR
18 MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY, A.H.F. CONTINUES TO PROVIDE FREE
19 MENINGITIS VACCINATIONS. WE RECOGNIZE THE BOARD FIRST TO
20 RESPOND TO THE MENINGITIS SCARE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED
21 SEVERAL WAYS IN WHICH THE COUNTY CAN IMPROVE THEIR RESPONSE
22 TIME TO HELP EMERGENCIES IN THE FUTURE. THIS INCLUDE
23 APPROPRIATING A SPECIAL FUND FOR HEALTH EMERGENCIES, UTILIZING
24 MOBILE UNITS TO DO OUTREACH AND PROVIDE VACCINATIONS.
25 PROVIDING CARE CLINICS WITH READING MATERIALS TO INFORM THE

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1 PUBLIC AND WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS.
2 WE BELIEVE THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIRES A FIRM COMMITMENT
3 TO STOPPING THE SPREAD OF DISEASE, AND WE RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU
4 TO CONSIDER OUR RECOMMENDATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. HAVE
5 A WONDERFUL DAY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

8

9 **DAVID BARRY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID BARRY TO THE
10 BOARD. I HAVE SOME CONCERNS ABOUT THE MENINGITIS OUTBREAK
11 AMONG THOSE THAT ARE AT GREATEST RISK, WHICH HAVE H.I.V. DOWN
12 IN SKID ROW WHERE WE LIVE AT, THERE'S A LOT OF H.I.V. PATIENTS
13 DOWN THERE. IT'S A GREAT RISK FOR THE MENINGITIS OUTBREAK TO
14 JUST RUN THROUGH SKID ROW. AND THE ONLY CONCERN I HAVE IS CAN
15 THEY PUT SOME FLIERS UP? MR. THOMAS, YOUR FLIER IS ON SKID ROW
16 WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE THAT IS FOR THE RAISING OF THE BUS
17 FARE. NOW THAT MADE IT DOWN TO SKID ROW BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I
18 FOUND IT AT. BUT WE'VE BEEN COMING HERE FOR MAYBE A MONTH NOW,
19 WEEK AFTER WEEK, ASKING FOR FLIERS IN OUR COMMUNITY HOSPITALS,
20 THOSE LITTLE FREE HOSPITALS THAT THEY HAVE OUT THERE NOW, THE
21 C.V.S., RITE-AID, THEY HAD WHOOPING COUGH GOING ALL AROUND
22 EVERY RITE-AID, C.V.S., ANYWHERE THERE WAS A PHARMACY, YOU CAN
23 FIND YOU A VACCINATION FOR WHOOPING COUGH. BUT THE VACCINATION
24 FOR THIS MENINGITIS, MY SON HAD MENINGITIS, HE CAUGHT IT OUT A
25 Y.M.C.A. SWIMMING POOL. AND I THOUGHT HE WAS GOING TO DIE. BUT

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1 HE DIDN'T. THAT OUTBREAK OF MENINGITIS IS SERIOUS. AND THOSE
2 THAT ARE AT GREATEST RISK IS THOSE THAT HAVE H.I.V., AND THEY
3 ARE STILL IN OUR COMMUNITY, THEY'RE STILL A PART OF OUR
4 COMMUNITY AND WE STILL HAVE TO LOOK AFTER THOSE THAT'S IN OUR
5 COMMUNITIES. ALL WE WANT IS SOME FLIERS TO BE PASSED OUT
6 DOWNTOWN AT THOSE COMMUNITY CLINICS THAT'S GIVING EVERYTHING
7 ELSE AWAY BUT MENINGITIS SHOTS. YOU CAN GET ANYTHING DOWN AT
8 THOSE CLINICS. BUT YOU CAN'T GET ANY INFORMATION. THERE'S
9 NOTHING. THEY HAVE PEOPLE LIVE ON THE STREET. THEY ARE
10 CONTRACTING DISEASES DAY AND NIGHT. UNFORTUNATELY I LIVE
11 THERE. I HAVE HELP THERE. I GOT HELPED ON SKID ROW. AND I
12 WOULD LIKE FOR THE PEOPLE TO AT LEAST HAVE A CHANCE TO LIVE.
13 ONE DISEASE THEY ALREADY CONTRACTED. THEY DON'T NEED ANOTHER.
14 THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE'S A REPRESENTATIVE OF
17 PUBLIC HEALTH HERE? [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE GOT MORE.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** PARDON ME? WE HAVE MORE PUBLIC COMMENT,
24 SIR. OKAY, MA'AM?

25

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1 **RANDA REID:** YES, HELLO, MY NAME IS RANDA REID, AND WHAT I'M
2 HERE ABOUT TODAY, IT WAS SURPRISING TO SEE JACKIE LACEY HERE
3 AND THIS WORD THAT SHE USED IN TALKING ABOUT SOMETHING, SHE
4 SAID UNJUST. THERE'S A LOT OF ISSUES THAT I HAVE THAT HAVE
5 M.T.A. HAS COMMITTED AGAINST ME THAT WERE UNJUST AND I FIND IT
6 UNBELIEVABLE THAT THIS HAS BEEN ALLOWED TO CONTINUE. AND SO
7 THIS IS AN OPEN LETTER TO OUR GOVERNOR, JERRY BROWN. I'M
8 REQUESTING FOR HIS HELP BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE STATE OF
9 CALIFORNIA, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF
10 INSURANCE, FRAUD UNIT AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT STATE AGENCIES
11 HAVE FAILED TO DO THEIR DUE DILIGENCE WHEN IT COMES TO M.T.A.
12 AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION FRAUD. ALSO, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW
13 JUDGE DANIEL A. DORBIN HAS FRAUDULENTLY SWITCHED DOCUMENTS,
14 FRAUDULENTLY TAMPERED WITH EVIDENCE, SWITCHED DOCUMENTS AND AS
15 WORKER'S COMPENSATION IS A FEDERAL AND STATE MANDATE, YOU GUYS
16 ARE TALKING ABOUT MONEY. M.T.A. HAS COMMITTED FRAUD AGAINST ME
17 AND ALSO SWITCHED DOCUMENTS. SO I'M ASKING THE GOVERNOR, SINCE
18 JACKIE LACEY, EDWARD MILLER ON NORTH FIGUEROA, JAMES GARRISON
19 AT WEST TEMPLE REFUSED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT M.T.A. M.T.A. IS
20 NOT ABOVE THE LAW, NEITHER IS JUDGE DORBIN. WE HAVE A
21 CONSTITUTION AND OUR CONSTITUTION STATES HOW THINGS SHOULD BE.
22 I'M A WORKER'S COMPENSATION ADVOCATE. I'M DEMANDING MY RIGHTS
23 AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN TO HAVE A LAWFUL ADJUDICATED WORKERS
24 COMPENSATION. NOT FOR M.T.A. AND JUDGE DORBIN TO AID AND ABET
25 M.T.A.'S FRAUD, BECAUSE LABOR CODE 462.2I DOES NOT EXIST. I'M

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1 SUBMITTING SOME DOCUMENTS. I HAVE ALSO FILED A PETITION FOR
2 REMOVAL OF JUDGE DORBIN.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. YOU CAN DO THAT IN THE COURT, NOT
5 HERE. JABRIEL MUHAMMAD.

6

7 **RANDA REID:** NOT THE COURT.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** JABRIEL MUHAMMAD, LORI MARTIN AND DAVID
10 SERRANO. ALL RIGHT. SIR, WHOEVER WANTS TO GO FIRST.

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12 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** JABRIEL MUHAMMAD, BISMILLAH JUSTICE
13 MOVEMENT. I'M SPEAKING IN REGARDS TO-- I WAS JUST RECENTLY AT
14 A RALLY FOR HUMAN SEX TRAFFICKING. AND THAT'S SORT OF LIKE,
15 THAT WORD TRAFFICKING, THAT'S SORT OF LIKE BOTHERED ME, YOU
16 KNOW. SO I'M SEEING THAT HUMAN TRAFFICKING, YOU KNOW, I'M
17 CURIOUS AS TO HOW MUCH OF-- ARE WE PLAYING A PART? ARE WE PART
18 AND PARCEL OF THAT GIVE THE COUNTY SYSTEM, GIVEN THE COUNTY
19 JAIL SYSTEM, GIVEN THE POPULATION THERE AND THE POLICIES THERE
20 CONCERNING THE POPULATION, THE IN AND THE OUT, THE RECIDIVISM?
21 IS THIS SOME TYPE OF AN ORGANIZED DESIGN FOR THE SAKE OF
22 TRAFFICKING INDIVIDUALS AND PATTERNING AND CREATING A CULTURE,
23 A CULTURE THAT SYSTEMATICALLY TRAFFICS THE HUMANS? AND SO MY
24 INVESTIGATION IF I WAS TO GIVE ONE WOULD BE TO SEE HOW BIG A
25 PART WE PLAY BECAUSE WE DECIDE SO MUCH IN TERMS OF THE COURSE

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1 OF PEOPLE'S LIVES. HERE NOW WE'RE DISCUSSING THE MENTAL
2 CAPACITIES OF THE PEOPLE AND MANAGING THEM AS SUCH. AND WE
3 HAVE SO MUCH TO MANAGE IN REGARDS TO THE POPULATION. AND THE
4 POPULATION BEING HUMANS CAN BE MANIPULATED. SO, I WANT TO
5 KNOW: ARE WE PLAYING PART IN THE MANIPULATION IN REGARDS TO
6 THIS HUMAN TRAFFICKING? BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT I'M SEEING. YOU
7 KNOW, THEY SAY THAT THE SOUTH WILL RISE AGAIN. WELL IT CAN'T
8 HAPPEN WITHOUT SLAVERY. SO NOW WHAT I'M SAYING IS--

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, SIR. NEXT?

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12 **LORI MARTIN:** LORI MARTIN FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THIS SAYS "LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
14 KEEPS FOSTER CHILDREN'S CHILD SUPPORT. THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT
15 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES FAILED TO PROVIDE 1.8 MILLION
16 IN CHILD SUPPORT AND OTHER PAYMENTS OWED TO FOSTER KIDS AFTER
17 THEY REACHED ADULTHOOD." LET'S SKIP DOWN BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE
18 THAT MUCH TIME. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN SITTING ON 7.2
19 MILLION IN FUNDING. LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE WE GOT HERE. "D.C.F.S.
20 NEEDS TO ENSURE CHILD SUPPORT TRUST FUND MONIES ARE RETURNED
21 TO FORMER FOSTER CARE CHILDREN." THIS IS DISGUSTING. THIS,
22 YOUR COUNTY DIDN'T EXPECT. BUT THIS WAS THANKS TO ME. THIS WAS
23 A HIGH-RISK AGENCY AUDIT THAT I REQUESTED IN 2012 TO BE DONE
24 IN 2013. AND I PUSHED FOR IT. AND I WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH. I
25 WILL NIP AT YOUR HEELS FOR YOUR CORRUPTION UNTIL MY SON IS

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1 RETURNED TO MY CARE AND OUT OF CRIMINAL HANDS. PEOPLE THAT
2 KILL. PEOPLE THAT DO DRUGS. THIS IS NOT THE TYPE OF LIFE THAT
3 I WANT FOR MY SON. THIS ALSO HASN'T CHANGED FOR 20 YEARS
4 BECAUSE HERE'S PROOF THAT THERE'S AN ABATED TRUST FUND IN MY
5 NAME OUT THERE BUT SOME FOSTER CARE SYSTEM PROBABLY STOLE IT
6 FROM ME, AS WELL. HERE'S PROOF THAT I REQUESTED TO GO INTO
7 UNITED STATES MILITARY SO I CAN EXIT WITH A \$90,000 G.I. BILL
8 AND WAS DENIED RELEASE OF GUARDIANSHIP EVEN THOUGH I WAS
9 A.W.O.L. NOW, HOW MANY MORE CHILDREN'S LIVES ARE YOU GOING TO
10 RUIN? HOW MANY MORE FUTURES ARE GOING TO BE AT STAKE BECAUSE
11 MINE DARN SURE WAS. I FOUGHT AND FOUGHT AND FOUGHT AND I
12 ACTUALLY ENJOY AND LOVE MY JOB AND I GET PAID FAIRLY WELL FOR
13 WHAT I DO NOW, BUT I COULD HAVE GOTTEN FIVE TIMES THE AMOUNT
14 WITH THE BRAIN THAT I HAVE. THIS SYSTEM FAILED ME. IT'S
15 FAILING THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN. IT'S NOT PROTECTING THEM. CLOSE
16 IT DOWN. FIND A DIFFERENT WAY TO GET THIS FUNDING FOR YOUR
17 COUNTY. DO IT FOR COMMUNITIES. ENCOURAGE CHILDREN. ENRICH
18 THEIR FUTURES. STOP DESTROYING US.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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22 **DAVID SERRANO:** GOD IS THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY
23 SPIRIT, THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE GOD, AMEN. HALLELUJAH. THE
24 HOLY TRINITY IS THE ONE AND ONLY GOD, THE CREATOR OF HEAVEN
25 AND THE UNIVERSE, AMEN. THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST IS THE

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1 CREATOR OF EVERYTHING CREATED, AMEN. ETERNAL CHRIST WAS
2 CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD, AND CHRIST
3 WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY. JESUS NEVER SINNED. THE LORD
4 JESUS PREACHED THE WORD OF GOD AND HE FORGAVE PEOPLE'S SINS.
5 THE LORD JESUS CURED LEPROSY AND HE GAVE SIGHT TO THE BLIND.
6 AND THE LORD JESUS TOTALLY HEALED CRIPPLED PEOPLE INSTANTLY.
7 INNOCENT JESUS WILLINGLY SHED HIS OWN HOLY, DIVINE BLOOD, AND
8 HE DIED ON THE CROSS FOR OUR SINS AS OUR SUBSTITUTE. HE WAS
9 BURIED AND ON THE THIRD DAY JESUS CHRIST RESURRECTED AND HE
10 LEFT THE TOMB. THEN JESUS CHRIST APPEARED TO HUNDREDS OF HIS
11 DISCIPLES OVER THE COURSE OF 40 DAYS. THEN JESUS ASCENDED INTO
12 HEAVEN. INFINITE JESUS IS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF INFINITE GOD
13 THE FATHER ALMIGHTY IN THE KINGDOM OF THE MOST HIGH, AMEN. WE
14 ARE SAVED BY THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST.
15 CHRISTIAN SOULS AND SPIRITS ASCEND INTO THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN,
16 AMEN. CHRISTIANS RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE BECAUSE WE BELIEVE
17 REALITY THAT JESUS CHRIST IS GOD, AMEN, HALLELUJAH, PRAISE THE
18 LORD. AND YOU HAVE A NICE DAY.

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20 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TAKE US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

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22 **LORAYNE LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
23 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
24 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS NO. C.S.-1, C.S.-2
25 AND C.S.-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING

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1 LITIGATION AND ITEM NO. C.S.-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
2 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION AS INDICATED ON
3 THE POSTED AGENDA.

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1 **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION MAY 6, 2014**

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5 No reportable action was taken on items CS-1, CS-3 or CS-4.

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7 In closed session, item CS-2 was continued one week to May 13,
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